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OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

SESSION XXXIV, CEDARVILLE, OHIO, MAY, 1857.

CEDARVILLE, OHIO, May 21st, 1857, 3 o'clock P.M.

THE General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by a Sermon from the Moderator, Rev. Alexander Clarke, from John 17 : 2: "As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him." After Sermon, the Moderator constituted the Synod by prayer.

Proceeded to ascertain the members, whereupon it appeared that the following delegates had been appointed by the respective Presbyteries.

Northern Presbytery.—Rev. Dr. M'Leod, A. G. Wylie, D. J. Patterson, A. Clarke, W. D. Silliman, S. L. Finney, H. Gordon, W. S. Darragh, with John Bole and A. Robinson, general alternates, ministers; and James N. Gifford, T. M'Burney, E. Cullings, H. Small, W. Craig, M. Elliot, W. Agnew, his alternate, James Stewart, ruling elders.

Philadelphia Presbytery.—Rev. Dr. Crawford, Professor T. W. J. Wylie, R. J. Black, A. G. M'Auley, W. T. Wylie, S. P. Heron, with W. Sterrett, general alternate, ministers; and G. H. Stuart, H. Sterling, H. Alexander, R. Steenson, W. Biggerstaff, W. Pollock, with S. Teas, Robert Orr, J. Fleming, J. P. Smyth, R. Guy, J. Kemps, alternates, ruling elders.

Pittsburg Presbytery.—Rev. T. C. Guthrie, D.D., G. Scott, A. W. Black, D.D., J. Nevin, J. Douglas, G. R. M'Millan, J. M'Millan, A. M. Stewart, with A. M'Cracken, general alternate ministers; and David Williams, W. Scott, J. Hunter, J. N. Ewer, W. Early, J. Radcliff, Dr. Mowry, R. Hill, with alternates, J. Douthet, J. Stevenson, E. Radcliff, ruling elders.

Ohio Presbytery.—Dr. Heron, Dr. Wilson, R. Patterson, G. M'Millan, H. M'Millan, with general alternates, J. Agnew Crawford, E. Cooper, ministers; and W. Likely, James M'Lean, W.

M'Quiston, James Blair, T. Little, with alternates, Daniel M'Millan, S. Little, James C. M'Millan, ruling elders.

Western Presbytery.—Rev. S. Wylie, John M'Master, M. Harshaw, N. K. Crow, alternate, Professor T. A. Wylie, ministers; and John Hemphill, J. Woodburn, J. Morton, D. S. M'Clure, ruling elders.

Presbytery of Chicago.—Rev. J. W. Morrison, J. S. Scott, John Alford, W. P. Shaw, with alternates, A. Walker, John M'Corkell, ministers; and R. Davidson, J. M'Eldowney, J. Kirkpatrick, Moses Shirra; alternates, R. Smith, G. Gowdy, G. Caskey, T. B. Gowdy, J. Chrystie, ruling elders.

Presbytery of Saharanpur.—No representation.

The roll of Synod is as follows:

Rev. John N. M'Leod, D.D., Andrew Gifford Wylie, Alexander Clarke, Spencer L. Finney, William D. Silliman, Saml. W. Crawford, D.D., T. W. J. Wylie, Robert J. Black, Alex. G. M'Auley, William T. Wylie, Samuel P. Herron, George Scott, Andrew W. Black, D.D., John Nevin, John Douglas, G. Riley M'Millan, John M'Millan, Alexander M. Stewart, Robert M'Cracken, Andrew Heron, D.D., William Wilson, D.D., Robert Patterson, Gavin M'Millan, Hugh M'Millan, J. Agnew Crawford, Ebenezer Cooper, William P. Shaw, Samuel Wylie, John M'Master, Michael Harshaw, Nelson K. Crow, John W. Morrison, James S. Scott, John Alford, Andrew R. Gailey, ministers; and James N. Gifford, Hugh Small, Henry Sterling, Hugh Alexander, William Early, John Hunter, William Scott, John N. Ewer, Robert Mowry, M.D., John Randolph, Robert M'Curdy, William M'Quiston, William Likely, James M'Lean, Robert Reed, James Blair, Daniel M'Millan, Thos. Little, James C. M'Millan, David S. M'Clure, John Hemphill, John Woodburn, John M'Eldowney, James Morton, Joseph M'Henry, Moses Shirra, ruling elders.

Proceeded to the choice of officers, whereupon Rev. J. Agnew Crawford was appointed Moderator, Rev. Dr. M'Leod was continued stated clerk, and Rev. S. L. Finney chosen assistant.

Resolved, That the hour of meeting, until further ordered, be from nine o'clock A.M., until twelve o'clock M., and from three to five o'clock P.M.

Synod then adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

SAME PLACE, May 22, 9 o'clock A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the last session were read throughout.

The Moderator announced the standing committees as follows:

Committee on Discipline.—Dr. Crawford, H. M'Millan, J. W. Morrison, and Mr. W. Scott.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.—Dr. M'Leod, T. W. J. Wylie, and Mr. H. Small.

Committee on the Signs of the Times.—Rev. R. Patterson, J. M'Millan, A. Clarke, J. Alford, and Mr. W. M'Quiston.

Committee on the Theological Seminary.—Dr. Black, G. M'Millan, A. G. Wylie, A. M. Stewart, J. M'Master, and Mr. H. Sterling.

Presbyterial Reports.—Rev. G. R. M'Millan, Dr. Heron, W. T. Wylie, R. M'Cracken, A. G. M'Auley, and Mr. Moses Shirra.

Committee on Devotional Exercises.—Rev. M. Harshaw, W. P. Shaw, and Mr. James N. Gifford.

Committee of Supplies.—Dr. Wilson, S. Wylie, J. Douglas, S. L. Finney, J. S. Scott, R. J. Black, and Mr. J. N. Ewer.

Committee on Finance.—Rev. George Scott, and Mr. J. Blair.

Auditing Committee.—Rev. N. K. Crow and Mr. H. Alexander.

COMMITTEES ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

Northern Presbytery.—Rev. J. M'Millan, and Mr. J. Woodburn.

Philadelphia Presbytery.—Rev. J. Nevin, and Mr. J. M'Lean.

Ohio Presbytery.—Rev. S. P. Herron, and Dr. Mowry.

Western Presbytery.—Rev. A. R. Gailey, and Mr. W. Likely.

Chicago Presbytery.—Rev. E. Cooper, and Mr. T. Little.

Resolved, That Rev. Josiah Dodds, of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod, be invited to a seat as a consultative member.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to nominate the Boards of Synod.

Proceeded to the consideration of unfinished business according to the docket.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that no communications had been received from the foreign sister churches since the last meeting of Synod.

The Committee on the Cemetery in Chester District, South Carolina, reported progress, and were continued.

The Committee on the "Digest" reported progress, and were continued.

The Clerk of the Convention reported by submitting the minutes of that Assembly; whereupon it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the document be recorded, and published with the minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That, in accordance with the resolutions of the Convention, the names of such ministers and ruling elders as were present in that body, and not delegated to this Synod, be added to the roll.

The minutes of the Convention are as follows :

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

CEDARVILLE, OHIO, May 20th, 1857, 3 o'clock P.M.

In pursuance of a resolution passed at last meeting of General Synod, a Convention of the ministers of the Church, with ruling elders, met at the appointed hour.

The resolution of General Synod was read, when, on motion, Rev. Samuel Wylie, the oldest minister present, was called to the chair.

The Convention was opened with prayer.

The Rev. Geo. Scott was appointed clerk.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the clerks of the several Presbyteries be requested to hand in a list of the ministers and ruling elders present from their respective Presbyteries; and that any elder present, properly delegated from an existing Session, be recognized as a member of this Convention. Whereupon, it appeared that the following are the members of the Convention, viz.:

From the Northern Presbytery.—Rev. J. N. M'Leod, D.D., A. G. Wylie, Alex. Clarke, S. L. Finney, W. D. Silliman, ministers; Mr. James Gifford, Hugh Small, ruling elders.

Philadelphia Presbytery.—Rev. S. W. Crawford, D.D., T. W. J. Wylie, Robt. J. Black, A. G. M'Auley, W. T. Wylie, S. P. Herron, ministers; Mr. Henry Sterling, Hugh Alexander, ruling elders.

Pittsburg Presbytery.—Rev. Geo. Scott, A. W. Black, D.D., Jno. Douglas, Jno. Nevin, G. R. M'Millan, Jno. M'Millan, A. M. Stewart, Robt. M'Cracken, ministers; Mr. Wm. Scott, John Hunter, Wm. Early, John Randolph, John N. Ewer, R. B. Mowry, M.D., ruling elders.

Ohio Presbytery.—Rev. J. A. Crawford, E. Cooper, Gav. M'Millan, H. M'Millan, Wm. Wilson, D.D., Andw. Heron, D.D., Robt. Patterson, ministers; Mr. Danl. M'Millan, Jas. Blair, Robt. Reed, Wm. Likely, Jas. M'Lean, Thos. Little, ruling elders.

Western Presbytery.—Rev. Saml. Wylie, Jno. M'Master, Michael Harshaw, N. K. Crow, ministers; Mr. J. M'Henry, Robt. M'Curdy, D. S. M'Clure, Jno. Woodburn, Jas. Morton, ruling elders.

Chicago Presbytery.—Rev. J. W. Morrison, Jno. Alford, W. P. Shaw, Jas. S. Scott, A. R. Gailey, ministers; Mr. Jno. M'Eldowney, Moses Shirra, ruling elders.

Presbytery of Saharanpur.—None.

Resolved, That the subject for which the Convention was called be taken up.

The Rev. Dr. M'Leod read a memorial from the Northern Presbytery on the subject before the Convention.

It is as follows:

MEMORIAL.

To the Brethren, Ministers, and Ruling Elders of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in North America, to meet in Convention May 20th, 1857.

RESPECTED AND DEAR BRETHREN,—

You are met to determine the question, whether the present form of your Supreme Judicatory shall be continued, or changed by a recurrence to the former organization? On the 9th of August, 1825, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by Synod:

"*Resolved*, That a General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to meet biennially, be formed by delegation from the several Presbyteries."

Upon the ground of this organization whose principles (as is said in the deed establishing it), "are obvious to all," you have been proceeding for many years. Under it you have been prospered; and to change it would be an act of retrogression from a more perfect to an incomplete ecclesiastical condition.

It is the opinion of your Northern Presbytery that the delegated or representative Synod should be continued, for the following reasons, among others:

1st. The form of the organization is eminently scriptural. The ecclesiastical assembly described in the 15th chapter of Acts is universally regarded by Presbyterians, as a "Presbyterial Representative Assembly, exercising ecclesiastical jurisdiction over Churches and Presbyteries."

2d It is in conformity with the example of the best of the Reformed Churches.

3d. It is peculiarly suited to the condition of our whole Church, scattered over an extensive surface, and representing various, diverse, and often conflicting interests.

4th. It is necessary to place our Supreme Judicatory on a footing of Presbyterial equality, with the General Assemblies or Synods, with which she is now or may hereafter be, in correspondence.

5th. It is calculated to secure the largest attendance on the Supreme Court.

6. The change would introduce confusion into names, correspondence, title-deeds, and other legal documents, where distinctive names are now used, or hereafter may be required, and thus might involve the Church in unprofitable conflicts.

7. This Presbytery can perceive no adequate reason for the change proposed. It is not becoming a dignified ecclesiastical body to be frequently interfering with its own organization. For these and other reasons which might be mentioned, the Northern Presbytery most earnestly request you, to leave intact your present General Synod. The age, and our own principles demand progress, and discourage retrogression.

Resolved, That Rev. A. G. Wylie, Dr. M'Leod, and Rev. W. D. Silliman, be a Committee of this Presbytery to present this document to and urge its prayer on the attention of the Convention.

Signed,

JOHN N. M'LEOD,
Moderator.

DAVID J. PATTERSON,
Clerk.

NEW YORK, May 13, 1857.

The Rev. Gavin M'Millan moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Wilson, that the Memorial just read be accepted, and its prayer granted. Pending the discussion of this motion, the Rev. John Douglas presented the following as a substitute.

Resolved. That hereafter the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church shall consist of all the Ministers, with a ruling Elder from each Session.

The question was put by the Moderator. Shall the substitute be entertained? A division was called for. The substitute was not entertained.

Adjourned, with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SAME PLACE, May 21, 1857.

Convention met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

Same members as before, with Rev. T. W. J. Wylie, Rev. Robert McCracken.

Minutes read and approved. Proceeded with the discussion of the subject before Convention at its adjournment, speakers limited to five minutes. Mr. Henry Sterling presented an extract from the minutes of the Session of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, expressing its sentiment that "the present representative or delegated Synod is inexpedient in the existing circumstances of the Church, and that it should be abolished."

It was read, and laid on the table.

The Rev. T. W. J. Wylie submitted the following resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That this Convention recommend that each Presbytery be authorized to appoint as delegates all its members, and a ruling elder for each minister thus appointed.

Exception was taken to it by the Chair on the point of order, that the same was rejected yesterday. An appeal was taken from this decision. The Chair was not sustained. The question was then put, Shall the substitute be entertained? and it was carried. The discussion proceeded on the substitute.

The previous question was moved and seconded.

It was put and carried.

The ayes and noes on the original motion were called for, and are as follows :

Ayes.—Rev. J. N. M'Leod, D.D., A. G. Wylie, Alexander Clarke, W. D. Silliman, S. W. Crawford, D.D., Robert J. Black, George Scott, A. W. Black, D.D., J. A. Crawford, E. Cooper, G. M'Millan, Hugh M'Millan, Wm. Wilson, D.D., Samuel Wylie, John M'Master, J. W. Morrison, Wm. P. Shaw, James S. Scott; Mr. James N. Gifford, H. Sterling, John Hunter, Daniel M'Millan, James Blair, Robert Reed, Wm. Likely, James M'Lean, Robert M'Curdy, John Woodburn, James Morton, John M'Eldowney, Moses Shirra. 31.

Noes.—Rev. S. L. Finney, T. W. J. Wylie, A. G. M'Auley, W. T. Wylie, S. P. Herron, John Douglas, John Nevin, G. R. M'Millan, A. M. Stewart, John M'Millan, Robert McCracken, Robert Patterson, Andrew Herron, D.D., M. Harshaw, N. K. Crow, John Alford, A. R. Gailey; Messrs. Hugh Small, Hugh Alexander, Wm. Scott, Wm. Early, John Randolph, John N. Ewer, Robert B. Mowry, M.D., Thomas Little, John M'Henry, D. S. M'Clure. 27.

The Moderator announced the resolution carried.

The Rev. Dr. Wilson presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Convention, having decided that our present organization shall stand, and the delegated General Synod be continued, also decides and decrees that the delegations from all the Presbyteries in connection with General Synod shall be, in future, in strict accordance with our acknowledged law in the premises.

The Rev. Dr. Black presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That all the ministers present in attendance on this Convention, together with all regularly delegated ruling elders, be entitled to seats as members of the General Synod to meet on the 21st of May, 1857.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to prepare the minutes, and report the proceedings of this Convention to the General Synod, to meet in this place this afternoon at three o'clock.

The minutes were then read and approved, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*, the Moderator concluding with prayer, the whole Convention singing the 133d Psalm, and the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

GEO. SCOTT,
Clerk.

The Committee on Union reported that they had complied with the order of Synod, and transmitted the Covenant and League to the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, the Associate Synod of North America, and the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; and also, that no communication had been received by them on the subject committed to them.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and the Committee continued.

The report of the delegation to the sister church in Europe was called for.

Resolved, That the reception of this report be made the order of the day for Monday A.M.

The Committee on the publication of Dr. M'Leod's Historical Address, reported that the object had been accomplished.

The subject of Mr. Bonhomme's Mission was taken up.

Resolved, That the further consideration of it be postponed until after the report of the Philadelphia Presbytery shall have been received.

The Committee to answer the protest of Rev. T. W. J. Wylie and others, reported that they had not yet received that document, but were prepared to give it attention when needful.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and the Committee discharged.

Presbyterial reports were called for. The Presbytery of Saharanpur reported through the stated clerk. Report accepted and referred.

The Philadelphia Presbytery presented their report. Accepted and referred, with the exception of so much as refers to the case of Mr. Bonhomme, which was referred to a special committee. They are: Rev. Dr. Wilson, H. M'Millan, and Mr. Ewer.

The Western Presbytery presented their report. It was accepted and referred, except so much of it as relates to the M'Kelvey proposals for the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Seminary.

The hour having arrived, Synod adjourned, Rev. John W. Morrison concluding by prayer.

SAME PLACE, 3 o'clock P.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before, with the addition of Mr. John Hemphill.

Resolved, That Rev. J. W. Morrison be added to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Northern Presbytery presented their report. It was accepted and referred.

The Ohio Presbytery presented their report. It was accepted and referred.

Rev. J. P. Wright was invited to a seat as a consultative member.

The Pittsburg Presbytery presented their report. It was accepted and referred.

The Chicago Presbytery presented their report. It was accepted and referred.

A memorial from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Tennessee, asking supplies of preaching, was presented, read, and referred to the Committee of Supplies.

Resolved, That a select committee, consisting of Rev. T. W. J. Wylie, Dr. M'Leod, A. M. Stewart, R. Patterson, Dr. Mowry, and Mr. J. N. Ewer, be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of some efforts by this Church in behalf of the Jews.

The Committee to examine the Records of the Pittsburg Presbytery, report that they are neatly and correctly kept.

The Committee on the Records of the Northern Presbytery, recommend that they be kept with greater accuracy.

Dr. M'Leod presented the printed draft of a letter, to Protestant Evangelical Christians in Germany, and elsewhere on the continent of Europe, together with a communication from Rev. Dr. Baird, on the subject of the Conference about to meet in Berlin, Prussia. Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed, to report on the subject involved in these communications. They are Revs. R. Patterson, Dr. Black, and Dr. M'Leod.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. Accepted and adopted, as follows:

ORDER OF DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

1. Moderator commence by singing.
2. Prayer from Rev. G. R. M'Millan.
3. Address from Rev. S. L. Finney. Subject, "Necessity of Personal Piety to success in the Ministry."
4. Praise, by Mr. J. Blair.
5. Address from W. T. Wylie. Subject "Systematic Benevolence."
6. Prayer from Rev. R. Patterson.
7. Address from Mr. H. Small. Subject, "Irish Missions."
8. Collection.
9. Praise and Benediction, by Rev. S. Wylie.

Synod then adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

SAME PLACE, May 23d, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Rev. Conway P. Wing, corresponding delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (now in session at Cleveland, Ohio), appeared in Synod. His certificate of delegation was read, and he laid upon the table a copy of the minutes of the General Assembly. Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the delegate be cordially admitted to a seat in Synod, according to the terms of the correspondence.

The Committee on Psalmody presented their report. It was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY.

The Committee on Psalmody respectfully report, that they have not yet prepared anything to be presented to Synod, and in view of the magnitude and the importance of the work committed to them, they request that their appointment be continued, and that their number be enlarged by the addition of Rev. J. A. Crawford, Rev. W. T. Wylie, S. P. Herron, and Mr. Geo. H. Stuart.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

The Committee on the Records of the Chicago Presbytery reported, "that Presbytery have a handsome book, in which their minutes are neatly and orderly transcribed, with but few exceptions ; among these the omission of the text for which the opening sermon was preached April 1st."

The Committee on the Records of the Philadelphia Presbytery presented their report, as follows :

"The minutes are accurately kept. There is, however, a blank in the Minute Book, showing no minutes of any meeting from Nov. 7th, 1831, to 10th June, 1856, for which there is nothing on the record to account. This blank should be filled up without undue delay."

The Special Committee on Mr. Bonhomme's case presented their report. It was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MR. BONHOMME'S CASE.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, as relates to Mr. S. Bonhomme, respectfully submit to General Synod the following resolutions :

1. That they believe it was understood by the last Synod, when they decided Mr. Bonhomme's case, as well as by all the members of the Committee of Discipline, before whom he frequently appeared, who examined him, and who recommended the action finally taken by the Court, that, for anything known to them, the Philadelphia Presbytery, being satisfied with him after his examination by them, should proceed to his ordination.

2. *Resolved*, That there was nothing in the resolution immediately afterwards proposed by a member of the Committee, and adopted by Synod, intended to conflict with this ; but it was designed for the satisfaction of certain members of the Court, for the affirmation and vindication of the position of our Church upon the subject of Millenarianism, and for the benefit of Mr. Bonhomme himself.

3. *Resolved*, That while, in this respectable Presbytery, there was some misunderstanding of the true intent and meaning of the action of Synod in this case, it is believed by your Committee that all the members acted in the integrity of their hearts, and with no disrespect to Synod, and they are hereby directed, in accord-

ance with the action already taken by Synod, as thus explained, to proceed in the premises.

WILLIAM WILSON,
H. M'MILLAN,
J. N. EWER.

Resolved, That Mr. Bennet be heard on the subject of a proposed donation of Western lands. He was heard. Whereupon it was *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to take the subject into consideration, and report to Synod. They are Rev. A. M. Stewart, H. Sterling, W. Early, Dr. Mowry, and Moses Shirra.

The Committee of Correspondence with the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church presented their report, accompanied by the draft of a letter to that body. It was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted. (See Appendix A, B.)

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourn, it be to meet in Eden, Randolph Co., Illinois, on the fourth Thursday of May, 1858, at 3 o'clock P.M., in the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, to be opened with a sermon by the Moderator.

The Committee on the proposal of Mr. Bennet reported, recommending that for the present no action be taken by Synod in the premises. The report was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to state, at the close of the minutes, the time and place to which Synod stands adjourned.

Resolved, That Dr. M'Leod be the alternate of the Moderator to open the next meeting of Synod with a sermon.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Seminary, and Board of Superintendents be directed to report on Monday A.M.

Synod then adjourned, Rev. Mr. Wing concluding by prayer.

SAME PLACE, May 25th, 1857, 9 o'clock A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before, Mr. Samuel Little taking the place of Mr. Thomas Little.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, That the order of the day be suspended until 10 o'clock, that the congregation may unite with Synod in the devotional services.

The Committee on Nominations presented their report. It was accepted, and laid on the table.

The Committee on the "Berlin Conference" reported. Report accepted, and laid on the table.

Resolved, That Synod take a recess for five minutes.

Resumed business, when, Synod proceeded to the devotional exercises, according to the order adopted.

Synod then adjourned, the Moderator concluding by prayer.

SAME PLACE, 3 o'clock P.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment. Same members present as before. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions

was presented, accepted, and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Appendix C.)

Rev. Mr. Wing, corresponding delegate from the General Assembly, addressed the Synod. He was responded to by the Moderator in the name of the Synod, and mutual congratulations on the commencement of the correspondence, and advantages anticipated from it, were exchanged.

Took up the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions. It was adopted. (See Document, Appendix D.)

Rev. H. M'Millan presented a memorial from persons in Greene County, Ohio, on the subject of Union. It was accepted, and laid on the table.

Synod then adjourned, Dr. Crawford concluding by prayer.

SAME PLACE, May 26th, 9 o'clock A.M.

Synod met, and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Devotional exercises were observed.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Jesus, in the days of his flesh upon earth, addressed the Pharisees and Sadducees in these words : "When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather : for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to-day, for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky ; but can ye not discern the Signs of the Times ?" (Matt. 16 : 2, 3.) Thus, while reproving, teaching them a most important lesson.

The heavens do rule, and the events obtaining upon this globe are legible characteristics of God's presence and actings ; characteristics to be studied for the improvement of the intellect and heart, and the regulation of the conduct. If individuals, not wandering with brute unconscious gaze amidst God's doings, should note these, surely, much more should the Church of the living God. She will perceive much which is calculated to fill her eyes with the tears of mourning, and call forth her comparatively latent energies into more extended and powerful action ; while she will also discover reasons in abundance for heartfelt gratitude and thanksgiving to a Three-One God.

She looks upon this earth, God's beautiful creation, apportioned among the families of men—this earth, her own position, and the plenteous harvest-field for her operations, and sees the nations which ought to be bowing to the Sceptre of Immanuel, standing in the attitude of opposition to his authority ; theoretically and practically breaking his bands and casting his cords from them. Though the world is the Mediator's, by the Father's gift, it is not yet his, by actual submission to his laws and government. Are not millions of the human family wrapped in the dark garment of paganism ? Does not Antichrist still hold the sway over multitudes of blinded and bigoted followers ; and was there ever, in the history of man, a period when Infidelity was more daring ; and when she, with more unblushing assurance, urged upon men her soul-destroying dogmas ! Manifestly, God's cause, the cause of truth, and meekness, and righteousness, is not yet triumphant. How long, O Lord, how long !

By the nations of the world the principles of human liberty are neither generally known nor understood. Kings reign, not for the welfare of their subjects, but for their own aggrandizement. Their will, with but few exceptions, is law : despotism prevails, and the people groan, stricken down by the cruel sceptre, and trodden under foot by the iron heel of oppression.

If the rights of man are disregarded, still more so are those of God and his

Messiah. What nations of the earth comply with the command, "Kiss the Son?" He, "whom God hath highly exalted, and given to be head over all things, to his body, the Church," is not respected. In what nation is the supreme dominion of Christ recognized? In not one. The easy willingness with which the popish pagan dogma of the Immaculate Conception has been received, and bowed down to, indicates how little regarded and honored is the Lord of life, the Head of the Church, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

But, as an exception, can we not turn and point to our own land? Is not Messiah honored here in this noble land, a land filled with the bounties of his providence and grace? If so, why are vile men in high places? What means that clanking of chains, why those groans from the enslaved, which fall so mournfully on the ear? Why this pandering to the greedy appetite for gain by the transmission of the mails on the Lord's day? If so, why the violence and the bloodshed which have disgraced the halls of the National Legislature, and why do criminal legislators go forth unwhipped of justice?

In these halls Corruption unblushingly stares us in the face, and throughout our land, Murder brandishes her bloody dagger, while in the light of high heaven, we read upon the statute book of our country, a law, which makes the inhabitants of these United States slave-catchers, rivets if possible more tightly than ever the chains of the slave; and, condemning the law of the most high God, claims to be the higher law of the land. In a newly settled portion of our country, have we not seen citizens murdering their fellow-citizens, and that too, for the express purpose of upholding and spreading Slavery, and have we not seen men in authority conniving at, if not openly countenancing and abetting such murders?

Does not that awful vice, Intemperance, which for a time, was so manfully and successfully opposed, seem, with renewed strength, to have burst its barriers, and with irresistible power, to be sweeping all before it?

If we turn our attention to Zion, the city of our God, we see divisions; the spirit of sect as strong almost as it ever was; much formality; a worldly spirit exerting its influence for evil, impeding the progress of vital godliness, and so enthraling the Church that she cannot exert, as she ought to do, and as her Divine Master intended she should do, her energies, for the conversion of the world. The religion of forms seems to be gaining strength; and threatens to cast to the ground the vitality of godliness.

Is there in our own denomination all that devotion to a Reformation cause which ought to characterize us as a Reformation Church, bound by solemn oaths to Reformation standards?

Is there among us, no indifference to these standards and the maintenance of them in their spirit and letter? Are we as a body as attentive as we ought to be, to the faithful and conscientious discharge of our duties?

For all these and other causes which we do not mention, but which will readily present themselves before a reflecting mind, this Synod calls upon the people and congregations under its care, to humble themselves before God, in fasting and prayer, on the second Thursday of February, 1858.

Causes for Thanksgiving.

But if the cloud has its dark, has it not also its bright side? Are there no reasons for heartfelt gratitude and thanksgiving to God? Yes, surely they are numberless. Among these may we not mention the progress of the arts and sciences, discoveries and inventions of a most surprising character, which promise to aid in the dissemination of Gospel truth.

God's terrible scourges of pestilence and famine have not, during the past year, been laid upon the nations. Our own land has been so peculiarly blessed with the kindly influences of the heavens from above, and the fatness of the earth from beneath, that in reference thereto we may use the language of the prophet Hosea, 2 : 21, 22 : "I will hear, saith the Lord, I will hear the heavens and they shall hear the earth, and the earth shall hear the corn and the wine and the oil, and they shall hear Jezreel."

One of the most remarkable of the signs of the times is, that the nations which formerly kept their gates closed against the Bible and the Gospel, as with bars of adamant, are now throwing them wide open for their reception; and the islands of the seas are rejoicing in the light of the morning star.

The Gospel is spreading, messengers of the Gospel are (though not in proportion to the demand) increasing in number; missionaries are going to the heathen; those already on heathen ground are making converts; inroads are made on the kingdom of Antichrist, and the strongholds of paganism are yielding before the assaults of the truth as it is in Christ;—all showing that the religion of Christ is making progress.

As to the foreign missionary operations of our own Church, they are such as to cheer and encourage, and it would seem from the reports read on the floor of Synod, that our domestic are not wholly discouraging.

The reports of our Presbyteries represent our Church as, upon the whole, in a prosperous condition. She has her own work to do, and judging from the past and the present, God has not frowned upon her, but blessed her. Should we not then strengthen each other's hands, and, looking prayerfully to the Captain of salvation, take courage and go forward? Great is our encouragement. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever." (Daniel 12 : 3.)

For these and other reasons Synod enjoins, as a day of Thanksgiving, the third Thursday of November, 1857.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Presbyterial Reports presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Presbyterial Reports would respectfully report:

That they have reviewed the reports of the several Presbyteries, and that they find little in them, which has not been referred to other Committees, demanding their special attention. So far as appears from these reports, the state of the Church, as a whole, is not much different from what it was at our last meeting of Synod. But we are compelled to express our regret, that the reports on the true state of religion in our bounds are so indefinite, that we have little or nothing on which to form an opinion in this matter.

Were the laws of Synod strictly complied with, in regard to statistics, Sabbath-school instruction, Bible classes, missionary operations, pastoral support, &c., we cannot but think that our reports would be much more interesting, and that much good would be accomplished thereby. We would hope that Synod would renew her injunction in this matter, and insist that it be complied with by the different Presbyteries. All the Presbyteries report that peace and harmony prevail in their counsels; that the Gospel is regularly preached, and the ordinances regularly attended by the people under their charge; that the sacraments are administered as opportunity offers, and some report a few young men studying with a view to the ministry.

But the Gospel does not seem to be with power. The Spirit is not poured out in abundance. No great inroads are making upon the world, no general awakening to the importance of eternal things, no special revivals of religion among God's people. The vine to a great extent languisheth, and the ways of Zion mourn. Such a state of things, surely, calls loudly upon us to arouse from our lethargy. We should not rest satisfied unless we can report from year to year a large increase in our membership; many young men giving themselves to the service of the Lord in the work of the ministry; a growing interest among our people as to the importance of sending the Gospel abroad, and sustaining it at home; many conversions from the world, and a spirit of fervent piety pervading every heart.

Then only as a Church can we be considered as in a healthy condition. Spiritual apathy is the precursor of spiritual death. From anything that appears in the reports of the different Presbyteries, this is lamentably so with us. We are not fully alive to the importance of our position and work as a Church. The conversion of sinners has not taken possession of our hearts, as the great object for which we are to live and labor. We are few in number, it is true, but what may not even fifty ministers of the Gospel do, who have determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified; seeking each day a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost as they go to the discharge of their duties? The Gospel is still

the power of God unto salvation, and all that is necessary to make it mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds is, that it be preached with simplicity, with faith, with fervency, and affection. Were this done universally and perseveringly, we are sure that we would not have the same stereotyped reports from year to year.

Revivals of religion, the conversion of sinners by hundreds and thousands, young men giving themselves to the service of their Redeemer in the work of the ministry, the people with a generous and liberal hand laying their offerings upon the altar of the Church, the ministry of reconciliation ably and cheerfully sustained,—these, and such like things, would form the substance of our Presbyterial reports. But your Committee are sorry to say, that on these points little or nothing has been reported that is encouraging. We close our report by recommending that some one be appointed to preach, during the sessions of our next Synod, a sermon on the necessity of a revival of religion, and that it be made a matter of special prayer on the evening of the fast day appointed by Synod, in all our societies and families.

To carry out the suggestions of this report, the Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod enjoins upon the congregations under her charge to comply hereafter with her law in reference to an annual statistical table.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE NORTHERN PRESBYTERY.

The Northern Reformed Presbytery would respectfully report to the General Synod, that nothing of unusual interest has transpired during the past year within their bounds. The ordinances of the Gospel have been duly administered, peace continues to prevail within our bounds, and we may hope, that the work of grace is producing its proper fruits in the hearts of the people of God, whilst sinners are emancipated from the empire of darkness, and introduced into the liberty of the children of God. We would rejoice, if we were able to report a larger degree of a work of grace within our bounds, and a deeper and more lively interest in the extension of the kingdom of Christ. We ought not to rest satisfied with present attainments, but holding steadfastly to that whereunto we have already attained, we should endeavor to press forward to still greater. At present we have ten ordained ministers, all of whom are assiduously engaged in their respective fields of ministerial labor.

In the month of May, 1856, at the regular semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, a call was presented from the congregations of Chimoguee and Bay Vert, on Mr. Alexander Robinson, licentiate, to become their pastor, which was, on motion, laid on the table for the present, and of this Synod was duly informed at its last meeting. Subsequently, action was taken on the call, which resulted in the ordination and installation of Rev. Alexander Robinson over the congregation aforesaid.

At the semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, in last September, a call was presented to Rev. William D. Silliman, by the Second Congregation in Lisbon, St. Lawrence County, New York, for the one-half of his time. The call was accepted, and he has been installed over the congregation as their pastor.

It may be here mentioned, that Rev. Mr. Silliman has been for some time, and continues to be, pastor of the Congregation of Daily Ridge.

The days of Fasting and Thanksgiving, ordered by Synod, were duly observed.

At a recent meeting of Presbytery, in the city of New York, the Rev. Andrew R. Gailey, at his own request, was dismissed by certificate to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Notwithstanding what has already been done, as herein reported, there is yet an increasing demand for more laborers, and we would respectfully ask that Synod will remember our wants in furnishing us with a due apportionment of the supplies that may be at their disposal.

We would further inform the Synod, that three young men, viz., Messrs. Samuel Dodd, John S. Ambrose, and Patrick Allan, were, on their own application,

received under the care of Presbytery, as students of theology, in the prosecution of their studies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

DAVID J. PATTERSON,
Clerk of Presbytery.

May 14, 1857.

REPORT OF THE PHILADELPHIA REFORMED PRESBYTERY.

The Philadelphia Reformed Presbytery respectfully report to General Synod :

That, in the long-suffering and forbearance of Almighty God, they have been spared during the past year, to labor in the vineyard of the Lord.

At a meeting of Presbytery, held June 10th, 1856, the case of Mr. S. Bonhomme was taken up, according to the direction of Synod.

A Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Crawford, Rev. Professor T. W. J. Wylie, Rev. Robert J. Black, and Dr. A. S. M'Murray, was appointed to examine Mr. Bonhomme, and report to Presbytery.

At a subsequent meeting, held June 17th, 1856, the Committee reported that they had attended to the examination, and that they had agreed to recommend Mr. Bonhomme to Presbytery for immediate ordination.

One member of the Committee, Dr. A. S. M'Murray, stated that he had reluctantly sustained the examination, being unwilling to differ from his brethren ; but, that he did not feel satisfied, and could not join in recommending Mr. Bonhomme for *immediate* ordination. He therefore proposed the following substitute : *Resolved*, "That Mr. Bonhomme be received as a licentiate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and that he be directed to visit the churches as far as practicable, until the opening of the Theological Seminary, and then attend its sessions during the winter, and that Presbytery afterwards take measures for his ordination."

This substitute was entertained ; Rev. A. G. M'Auley, Rev. W. Sterrett, and Messrs. Wm. Hogg, Sr., Wm. Biggerstaff, J. Kemps, and Dr. A. S. M'Murray, voting in the affirmative, and Rev. Dr. Crawford, Rev. Professor Wylie, R. J. Black, and Wm. T. Wylie, voting in the negative.

Mr. Bonhomme was then unanimously received as a licentiate. Presbytery viewing the case as one of importance, and believing that Synod had given them discretionary power in the case, in directing, that if satisfied with his learning, piety, and soundness in the faith, they should proceed without *unnecessary* delay to ordain him, did not see their way clear to proceed *immediately* to his ordination.

Mr. Bonhomme then withdrew his application. Against this action of Presbytery, Rev. Professor Wylie gave notice, for himself and all who might join with him, that he would protest and appeal to Synod. At a subsequent meeting the protest was withdrawn, with the understanding, that the action of Presbytery in the case would be reported to Synod, that the protestants enter their dissent, and that the whole subject be referred to General Synod. Presbytery would further beg leave to say, that if they have failed to comply with Synod's direction in the case, it has not been from any want of due respect for Synod's authority, but solely, because they did not see their way clear to ordain Mr. Bonhomme immediately, and because they desired to do what, in their judgment, they thought best both for him and the Church.

At a meeting held Nov. 18th, 1856, Mr. Bonhomme renewed his application, and was unanimously received as a licentiate under the care of Presbytery. He has been laboring with some success among the Jews of Philadelphia, and is now reported as being at the disposal of Synod.

On the 26th of June, 1856, the Rev. Dr. Crawford, for reasons assigned, requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between him and the Fourth Church, Philadelphia. The request was granted and the congregation declared vacant.

This congregation subsequently made out a call for Mr. Samuel P. Herron, a licentiate under the care of the Pittsburg Presbytery. Mr. Herron having accepted the call, was received under our care, on certificate from the Pittsburg Presbytery. And on the 5th of May, 1857, the usual steps having been taken, he was ordained to the office of the holy ministry, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of Presbytery, and installed Pastor of the Fourth Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. Our respected young brother enters upon his new field of labor with encouraging prospects of success.

We have now seven ordained ministers, six having charges, and one, Rev. Dr. Crawford, Professor in the Theological Seminary. The call from the congregation in Ulster, reported at the last meeting of Synod as having been presented to Mr. Matthew M'Bride, and left in his hands for further consideration, was by him rejected, and the congregation still remaining vacant, a call from the Grand Cote Congregation, Illinois, for Mr. M'Bride, was transmitted to us by the Western Presbytery, and on being presented to Mr. M'Bride, was rejected.

The call was returned to the Western Presbytery. Mr. M'Bride, requested to be dismissed to the Chicago Presbytery. His request was granted.

On the 6th of May, 1857, Mr. Samuel Boyd, a student of theology under the care of Presbytery, having delivered with approbation the usual trials, was duly licensed to preach the everlasting Gospel, as a probationer for the ministry of reconciliation.

Mr. Boyd has been directed to proceed to Ulster, and Presbytery would respectfully request Synod to allow him to remain within our bounds for six months.

We have now under our care three licentiates, Messrs. J. W. Faires, S. Bonhomme, and S. Boyd. Mr. Faires has been giving supplies in our city congregations, when required, as far as circumstances would permit.

We have three students of divinity, Messrs. Jos. Fleming, George Hogg, and H. G. Finney. We regret to say that Mr. Hogg, in consequence of ill health, has not been able to prosecute his studies.

He has been absent in the West Indies, and is now daily expected home in improved health. Mr. Fleming, in consequence of other engagements, has not been in regular attendance at the Seminary during the past winter. Mr. Finney has been advanced to the third year in the Theological Seminary. The days of fasting and thanksgiving appointed by Synod have been observed by the churches under our care.

That the glory of Zion's King and Head may be advanced by your meeting, is our earnest prayer.

WILLIAM STERRETT,
Clerk of Presbytery.

REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, met in Cedarville, Ohio, May, 1857:

The Pittsburg Presbytery respectfully report, that nothing of special interest in our proceedings has occurred during the past Synodical year.

The ordinances of the Gospel have been steadily administered in all our settled congregations, and in the vacancies according to our ability; and although we have not been able to give that supply which the demand required, yet we are not without reason to hope that the cause of our Divine Master is flourishing, by the efficiency of his Holy Spirit, through our humble efforts.

The Rev. John Nevin has been installed pastor of the Congregation of Shenango and Cochranton, in pursuance of the call mentioned in our last report. The Rev. T. C. Guthrie, D.D., was installed pastor of Mount Pleasant Congregation. The Rev. A. W. Black, D.D., at the urgent request of two of our vacancies, has been appointed, as a stated supply, to minister to them for one year, from the April meeting of Presbytery. The connection between the Rev. Robert M'Cracken and the congregation in which he labored has been dissolved at our last semi-annual meeting of Presbytery; and at Mr. M'Cracken's request, a certificate of his standing was given him, as he desires to go westward about the time of the meeting of Synod.

The days of fasting and thanksgiving appointed by Synod were observed in general.

We have under the care of Presbytery one student of theology, Mr. John F. Hill, and five promising young men, who have devoted themselves to the office of the ministry, but who have not yet completed their collegiate course.

In conclusion, we would most earnestly request Synod not to be unmindful of our need of laborers, in the distribution of its disposable aid.

We have five congregations ready for settlement, able and willing to support pastors, but we have no one with whom to supply them. We have also several smaller vacancies.

That the Spirit of all grace may be given in large measure to the Supreme Judicatory of the Church, is the prayer of this Presbytery.

May, 1857.

GEORGE SCOTT,
Clerk.

REPORT OF THE OHIO PRESBYTERY.

The Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report to General Synod, that since its last report they have had two semi-annual meetings, one adjourned, and one called meeting; at all of which their business was transacted in a regular and harmonious manner.

They report that the ordinances have been dispensed in all their settled and unsettled congregations, to as great an extent as was in their power. There being but little aid obtained from Synod, the Presbytery was compelled to supply their vacancies mostly by the labors of their settled pastors. While the Presbytery can report no special increase of membership within their bounds, it is matter of thankfulness, there has been manifested by the brethren a commendable diligence in waiting on the ordinances; that few cases of discipline have occurred either, in our congregations, and that general peace and brotherly love prevail in our bounds. The days appointed by Synod for thanksgiving and fasting were observed. The brethren have also exhibited their wonted attention and liberality to the general measures of the Church, viz., the Seminary, Domestic and Foreign Missions, as also, to the benevolent operations of our day, for extending the Scriptures and other books of a religious character. For a more minute report, reference may be made to the Treasurer's Report.

The Presbytery regret to say, that they are not able to give the statistical report of things within their bounds required by Synod, for want of congregational reports. It is hoped we shall be able to do better in a future day.

Since our last report, another young man, Mr. S. S. Elliott, presented to Presbytery a request to be taken under their care as a student of theology, and was accordingly received as such. There are now under Presbytery's care, five students of theology. Mr. J. M. M. Wilson, at our fall meeting, delivered the usual pieces of trial for licensure. These being sustained, he, after examination, was licensed, with the express understanding of his attending the Seminary during the past session. This, we are sorry to say, he did not do, giving as an excuse, ill health, and other adverse circumstances. He has been able to preach but little since his licensure, and is affected with a throat disease, that threatens to be of some duration, and of rather a serious character.

Mr. Robert M'Millan is another of the students under our care. He attended the Seminary during the past winter, and is reported to us by the Board of Superintendents as having completed his third year, and recommended for licensure. The Presbytery have taken no further action in the case, than to assign the ordinary pieces of trial, to be delivered in the course of the summer.

Mr. W. H. Reid, another of the students, was expected to attend the Seminary during the winter, but was prevented by indisposition. Though constrained to remain at home, he was still employed according to his ability, and, at our late meeting of Presbytery, delivered with acceptance another piece of trial. He may be regarded as in his third year. Dr. W. S. Bratton, who was named in our last report, was also from circumstances prevented from attending the Seminary. He was diligently engaged under the direction of Presbytery, has made good progress in his studies, delivered to Presbytery, with acceptance, a piece of trial, and may be regarded as in his second year. Mr. S. S. Elliott, from ill health, has been able to perform but little study since he was taken under our care.

The Presbytery cannot conclude its report, without expressing a desire that the support of the Seminary be put on a more permanent ground than that of varying and uncertain congregational collections. There is abundance of wealth in our churches, which, we are persuaded, might, under proper guidance, be rendered available to this end. This support should contemplate more than the salary of Professors. Our students are usually and necessarily poor, having had to struggle with the difficulties of their previous education. Such should receive the countenance and benevolent hand of the Church, to cheer them on in their arduous work. Doubtless there are many among us, who, when duly called on, will delight to render assistance from the substance that the Lord has given them, to the Seminary of the Church, and to all who have in their heart a desire

for the work of the ministry. It may not be out of place to report, that there are in our bounds from eight to ten young men, in different stages of progress in their education, a goodly number of whom, it is hoped, will one day be willing to devote themselves to the service of the Church, in the work of the ministry. All of which is respectfully reported by Ohio Presbytery to General Synod.

E. COOPER,
Clerk.

REPORT OF THE WESTERN PRESBYTERY.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Western Presbytery would respectfully report:

That the Western Presbytery, since their last report to Synod, have held two regular meetings of Presbytery, and one called meeting. At the called meeting, on Jan. 30th, 1857, Mr. Nelson K. Crow, having accepted calls from the congregations of Unity and Hill Prairie, and being found qualified for the office, was, by prayer and imposition of the hands of the Presbytery, set apart to the office of the Gospel Ministry, and installed as pastor over the congregations of Unity and Hill Prairie. In his fields of labor, since his settlement, the prospects of success have been quite encouraging.

During the course of the last winter, a call was made from the Grand Cote congregation upon Mr. Matthew M'Bride, and forwarded to the Philadelphia Presbytery, under whose care he was, that action might be had upon it. We have not officially heard the result, but have understood privately that the call was not accepted. Grand Cote congregation must, therefore, for the present, remain without a pastor. We have also three other organized congregations without a settled minister over them, and who look to the Presbytery for the dispensation of ordinances amongst them. In the distribution of supplies, we would respectfully ask from Synod our proportion of such aid as may be at the disposition of General Synod.

During the past year, the condition of Rev. H. A. M'Kelvey, whom in our last report we stated had been laid aside from the work of the ministry, in consequence of a bronchial affection, has not much improved. He was not present at our recent meeting of Presbytery, but reported to us by letter. He was then on his way with his family to Minnesota, where, from the pure and bracing air of that northern territory, he had some expectation and hope that both his general health and the affection of his throat would be improved. Should he find his expectations answered, and remain in the Territory, he will seek a connection with the Chicago Presbytery, and prove a useful laborer again in the ministry of the Gospel. In his letter, communicating with Presbytery, he stated that the heirs of his father, who deceased during the past year, had agreed to donate for the endowment of the Theological Seminary \$500, in their father's name, on the following conditions, as stated in an extract from his letter: "The amount of \$500 donated by the heirs of my father, one of whom is now deceased, will be given to the Theological Seminary, available Jan. 1st, 1860, on the following conditions, viz.: That the Seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church be permanently endowed to the amount of \$20,000 at least; that the donors, or any of them surviving, on the behalf of Charles M'Kelvey, deceased (formerly of Sparta, Randolph Co., Ill.), have the power of withdrawing this amount (\$500), and giving another direction to it, should said Seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church cease to teach and adhere to all the doctrines and truths contained in the Confession of Faith, Catechisms, Larger and Shorter, and Reformation Principles Exhibited. We wish this bequest to be in the name of our venerable and departed father." By order of Presbytery, this matter is thus brought to the attention of Synod.

With respect to the state of religion within our bounds and in the congregations under our care, we have nothing to report different from the statements of past years. He who walks in the midst of the golden candlesticks, and who holds the stars in his right hand, has not wholly withdrawn his presence; He still by his Spirit, through the word and ordinances dispensed, convinces and converts the sinner, and builds up his saints in our most holy faith; but these manifestations of himself are as of one who is a stranger in the land, who turns aside for a night but is gone in the morning; so that God's people have still to say as of old, "Verily, thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour." But

for this state of things the Church, not the Church's Head, is in fault; and were she but to obey her Saviour's voice, as he says to her, "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall not come unto thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem; loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion;" and offer up in fervor and faith the prayer, "Oh, that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence; how speedily would this state of things be changed, and the Church revived, break forth on the right hand and on the left, whilst her seed should inherit the Gentiles, and all the waste cities would be inhabited."

The days of fasting and thanksgiving have been observed by the congregation under our care.

That the Head of the Church may be present by his Spirit, and dispense to the members of Synod all necessary gifts and graces for the discharge of duty, is our earnest prayer in behalf of Synod.

JOHN M'MASTER,
Clerk of the Presbytery.

PRINCETON, IA, May 15th, 1857.

REPORT OF THE CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to meet in Cedarville, Ohio, May 21st, 1857. From the Chicago Presbytery.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Since your last meeting, the lives of the members of our Presbytery, have been spared; the lives too of the members of our congregations have been precious; in no quarter, amongst us, has there been more than common mortality. For this we are thankful.

The external forms of our holy religion, with but few exceptions, have been duly observed. While we hope this is not all, but that there is the power, as well as the form of godliness, yet there is too little evidence that God has the supreme affections. The world, with many, has a dazzling interest. The conversation is of the earth, instead of being in heaven. The affairs of the world are pursued with an energy, in sad contrast with the listlessness manifested towards the extension of Christ's kingdom. This world's goods are doled out in dimes, with a perishing world at our feet. The Gospel is supported at home, apparently according to this motto: "To be expended on the outward man, *hundreds of dollars*; to provide food for the soul, *cents*." None of our pastors have received a salary above the minimum of the Presbytery, \$600 per annum; and one, only the sum of \$184, from his congregation. We cannot give full particulars, as there were not reports from over two-thirds of our congregations; though, strictly required by Presbytery.

We cannot say, they are flocking to the Church, as doves to their windows; for there is no remarkable increase in any of our congregations.

Two congregations have been organized since our last report. On the 27th of June, 1856, a congregation was organized, named Washington, in the county of same name, State of Iowa. In the same year, November 1st, a congregation was organized named Fulton, Jackson County, same State.

At the semi-annual meeting of Presbytery in October last, the pastoral relation of Rev. W. P. Shaw, to Mt. Vernon Congregation, Iowa, was dissolved.

Rev. A. R. Gailey, of Northern Presbytery, has accepted a call made upon him from Dundee Congregation, Kane County, Ill., and has been regularly installed pastor of that people.

We have six pastors, one minister without charge; six vacant congregations, and several promising preaching stations.

Rev. John Alford, for the present, on account of ill health, has found it necessary to retire from his field of labor. It is uncertain how long this state of matters may continue. In the meantime, in addition to our other wants, we have to supply his congregation.

We therefore, respectfully ask you to grant us as much aid as you are able, in consistency with the general wants of the Church.

At our called meeting, May 21st, 1857, a call made upon Rev. John A. Craw-

ford, of the Ohio Presbytery, by the Chicago Congregation, was read, sustained as a regular Gospel call, and forwarded to said Presbytery.

At the same meeting, Rev. Robert McCracken, certified from the Pittsburg Presbytery, was received and enrolled a member of the Chicago Presbytery.

At a meeting of Presbytery, May 22d, Rev. W. P. Shaw, at his own request, was dismissed, and furnished with a certificate to the Ohio Presbytery.

The days of thanksgiving and fasting, with one exception, as far as known, were observed.

Praying that you may have grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, this is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

JAS. S. SCOTT,
Clerk.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY OF SAHARANPUR.

SAHARANPUR, NORTH INDIA, 8th Jan., 1857.

The Presbytery of Sarahanpur respectfully report to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America:

During the past year nothing of special interest has occurred in our proceedings. We are happy to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind and encouraging letter of May 27th, 1856, as reported in the Minutes of Synod, and were rejoiced to learn that your session, then being held, was characterized to so great an extent by "brotherly love, peace, and order." We earnestly pray that these excellencies may more and more prevail in all your succeeding sessions, until the same spirit shall be universal among our people.

We have great reason for gratitude to the Head of the Church, that while the fearful scourge of this land—the Asiatic Cholera—has raged within our bounds during a part of the past year, and removed to another world thousands from our midst, few of the members of our churches at all suffered by it, and to only one of them did it prove fatal.

There have been no ceases of discipline in any of our churches, and a commendable interest in the advance of the Redeemer's kingdom seems to prevail. Some tokens of the Divine favor have been granted in conversions from among the heathen.

Christian ordinances have been regularly dispensed, and public worship has been attended to on Sabbaths. Preaching has been kept up regularly, and almost daily, in the streets of Saharanpur, Dehra, and Roorki. Also, preaching tours have been made in more than a hundred and fifty towns and villages in the regions around; in any of which, on any day of the week, respectful and attentive audiences, varying in numbers from twenty to two hundred, may be obtained by a few minutes' reading or preaching in their streets. The effects of preaching in these places, although not such as we do earnestly wish for, are yet not a little encouraging. We have constantly a few from among the heathen coming to us at our stations to inquire with regard to the Christian religion. Some of such having made a creditable profession of faith in Christ have been admitted to the privileges of his Church. We must, however, feel that it is with us still "the day of small things." We very much need for ourselves, and for those under our care, a greater zeal in the Divine service, and a much more abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Under our charge there are one licentiate—T. W. J. Wylie—and three students of theology—J. N. McLeod, Gilbert McMaster, and Issachar. The students are still prosecuting their studies; but their labors as teachers and catechists are so abundant that they are not enabled to make as rapid progress in their studies as is desirable.

It is a source of not a little satisfaction and encouragement to us, that in the proceedings of your last session, as heretofore, you have manifested so great an interest in our welfare, and in the progress of the Gospel in the land in which we labor; and we humbly trust that our interests also in our blessed Redeemer's kingdom extend beyond the immediate sphere of our own operations. We still feel a deep interest in the progress of the Gospel in Christian as well as heathen lands. Our earnest prayer is, that the Spirit of our Divine Master may superintend and direct all your movements for the establishing of His kingdom throughout the earth.

W. CALDERWOOD,
Clerk of Presbytery.

Resolved, That Revs. R. Patterson, G. R. M'Millan, A. G. M'Auley, H. Sterling, and H. Small, be appointed a Committee to prepare a statistical table, and report at the present meeting. Rev. Mr. Wing, corresponding delegate for the General Assembly, took leave of Synod in some pertinent remarks. He was responded to by the Moderator in appropriate terms of respect and affection, the whole Synod rising to express their concurrence. The respected delegate then left the house.

Resolved, That Rev. G. R. M'Millan be appointed to preach the sermon on the "Revival of Religion," at next meeting of Synod.

Synod then adjourned, Dr. Wilson concluding by prayer.

SAME PLACE, 3 o'clock P.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment. Same members present as before. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. M'Quiston, Professor Wylie, Dr. Mowry, and Mr. Woodburn asked and received leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions.

Mr. J. C. M'Millan, took his seat in place of Mr. M'Quiston.

The Treasurer of the Theological Seminary presented his report. It was accepted and referred to the Auditing Committee. (See Appendix, Doc. E.) The Superintendents of the Seminary presented their report. It was accepted and referred to the Committee on the Seminary. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of the Superintendents of the Theological Seminary respectfully report as follows:

That the Seminary during the past season has been in operation, having been opened at the appointed time and continued during the session of four months. At the opening of the session three students appeared, Messrs. Samuel Boyd, Robert M'Millan, and H. Graham Finney. Two others, under the care of the Philadelphia Presbytery, have from circumstances been unable to attend, Mr. Joseph Fleming, who was prevented by previous engagements unavoidable, and Mr. George Hogg on account of continued indisposition. With regard to the latter, we cannot but express our gratitude to the Head of the Church, that there is now a prospect of entire recovery and immediate prosecution of his studies. Another, Mr. John Wilson, a licentiate under the care of the Ohio Presbytery, was directed to be present during the session, but from ill health and other causes was also prevented. Thus during the session only three students were in regular attendance. The duties of the Seminary were attended to, by the Professors, in their respective departments. At the close of the session, Messrs. Boyd, M'Millan, Finney, and Fleming, delivered discourses in public, evincing much improvement. Messrs. Samuel Boyd and Robert M'Millan were declared as having finished their third year, and were recommended to their respective Presbyteries for licensure, with the understanding that they return next year to the Seminary. Mr. H. Graham Finney was advanced to the third year; and Messrs. Fleming and Hogg, considered as occupying their former position,—students of the second year.

It is a matter of regret, that while so many students are reported throughout the Church, and while there is such a pressing demand for ministers, that such a small number of students are reported as having been in the Seminary. But we have reason to hope that these things shall not long continue. There are still reasons for much gladness about the Seminary, as will be seen from the report

of the Trustees. A movement is going forward for the raising of a sum of \$20,000 for its endowment. Already in one Presbytery over one half of this amount has been subscribed, and we doubt not the Church will soon secure the balance; and thus place the support of the Seminary, as it has never hitherto been, on a secure and permanent foundation. The Church we believe is beginning more than ever to feel that the sustaining of the Seminary is vital to our continuance as a Church of Christ, and it is gratifying that the fathers in Israel are remembering the Seminary in their last will and testament. Already we have to record two bequests for this purpose, and we would commend the example of these fathers, to those in the Church to whom God has committed the silver and the gold.

We believe, also, that of the various objects under the care of the Church, none require so much the support and the earnest co-operation of all, as the Seminary. Let this be well sustained, and pleasing as are our prospects as a Church, there are yet brighter and better days before us. All that we want to give us a firmer and more extended hold on the world, a greater influence among the various departments of the Church of God, and a much more extended usefulness for His glory, is a large increase of our Ministry. Without the Seminary, this never can be attained. Let us, as a Church and as individuals, give it our sons, our support, and our prayers, and soon the waste places shall be glad. Respectfully submitted, by

THE COMMITTEE.

The Trustees of the Seminary presented their report. It was accepted, and referred to the Committee on the Seminary. (See Appendix, Document F.) Rev. T. W. J. Wylie presented his resignation as a Professor in the Seminary. It was reported to the Committee on the Seminary.

The Committee on the Records of the Ohio Presbytery, reported that they are accurately and correctly kept.

The Memorial on Union was taken up, and read.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Union. On motion, Rev. H. M'Millan, S. L. Finney, and Dr. Black, were added to the Committee on Union.

The Board of Education presented their report. It was accepted, and referred to a special committee. They are, Rev. A. G. Wylie, Dr. Crawford, G. R. M'Millan, R. Patterson, J. W. Morrison, and M. Harshaw.

Dr. M'Leod requested to be released from his appointment as a corresponding delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and proposed that Rev. Dr. Black be appointed to this service. The request was granted, and Dr. Black appointed.

The Finance Committee presented their report. It was accepted, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that they have received, for Synodical purposes, the following sums; from

Rev. John Douglas, First Church, Pittsburg,	.	.	.	\$20 00
" " " " Pine Creek,	.	.	.	5 00
" George Scott's, Darlington,	.	.	.	8 57
" " " Austintown,	.	.	.	4 83
" S. L. Finney's Second Church, New York,	.	.	.	10 00
" Dr. M'Leod's First Church, New York,	.	.	.	50 00
" T. W. J. Wylie's First, Philadelphia,	.	.	.	80 00
" Dr. Black's, Deer Creek,	.	.	.	3 00
" Dr. Black's, Fairview,	.	.	.	5 00

Rev. J. A. Crawford, Xenia,	\$10 00
" W. P. Shaw, for Richland,	3 00
" A. M. Stewart's Second Church, Pittsburg,	10 00
" J. S. Scott, Monmouth,	5 00
" J. S. Scott, for Mt. Vernon, Iowa,	8 00
Mr. Moses Shirria, Chicago,	10 00
Rev. Gavin M'Millan, Morning Sun,	10 00
" R. J. Black's Third Church, Philadelphia,	12 00
" William Sterrett's Second Church, Philadelphia,	9 26
" John M'Millan, Alleghany City,	10 00
" T. A. Wylie, Bloomington,	8 00
" G. R. M'Millan, Hermon,	5 00
" G. R. M'Millan, Neshanock,	5 00
" A. G. Wylie, Duaneburg,	10 76
" Dr. Wilson, Cincinnati,	5 00
" R. Patterson's First Church, Cincinnati,	10 00
" John M'Master, Princeton,	18 00
" A. R. Gailey, Dundee,	3 00
" J. W. Morrison, Thorngrove,	8 25
" Dr. Heron's, Garrison,	5 33
" M. Harshaw, Concord,	10 00
" W. D. Silliman, Potsdam,	5 00
" John Alford, Somonauk,	5 50
" John Nevin, Shenango,	1 00
" N. K. Crow, Unity and Hill Prairie,	12 00
" W. T. Wylie, Milton and Washington,	9 50
Mr. James Morton, Walnut Hill,	5 00
Rev. S. P. Herron's Fourth, Philadelphia,	15 00
" A. G. M'Auley's Fifth, Philadelphia,	13 00
" H. M'Millan, Cedarville,	30 00
" Samuel Wylie's, Eden,	20 30

\$478 30

Deduct Stated Clerk's salary,	50 00
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\$428 30

Leaves for distribution to members of Synod,	428 30
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The number of miles travelled is 19,130.

The rate per mile is 2.238.

The amount to each is as follows:

Rev. John Alford, 350 miles,	\$7 83
" Dr. Black, 240 miles,	5 37
" R. J. Black, 540 miles,	12 08
" Alexander Clarke, 1500 miles,	33 57
" Dr. Crawford, 490 miles,	10 96
" N. K. Crow, 350 miles,	7 83
" John Douglas, 240 miles,	5 37
" S. L. Finney, 640 miles,	14 32
" A. R. Gailey, 340 miles,	7 60
" Dr. Heron, 80 miles,	1 79
" M. Harshaw, 400 miles,	8 95
" S. P. Herron, 540 miles,	12 08
" Gavin M'Millan, 80 miles,	1 79
" Dr. M'Leod, 640 miles,	14 32
" John M'Master, 310 miles,	6 93
" J. W. Morrison, 300 miles,	6 71
" G. R. M'Millan, 240 miles,	5 37
" John M'Millan, 240 miles,	5 37
" A. G. M'Auley, 540 miles,	12 08
" Robert M'Cracken, 240 miles,	5 37
" Robert Patterson,* 60 miles,	1 34

Rev. George Scott, 210 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1 69
" A. M. Stewart, 240 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	5 37
" James S. Scott, 500 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	11 19
" W. D. Silliman, 900 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	20 14
" W. P. Shaw, 500 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	11 19
" Samuel Wylie, 400 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	8 95
" A. G. Wylie, 690 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	15 45
" Dr. Wilson,* 60 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	1 34
" W. T. Wylie, 550 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	12 30
Mr. Hugh Alexander, 540 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	12 08
" James Blair,* 60 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	1 34
" William Early, 240 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	5 37
" John N. Ewer,* 240 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	5 37
" James N. Gifford,* 640 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	14 32
" John Hemphill, 400 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	8 95
" John Hunter, 220 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	4 92
" William or Samuel Little, 80 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	1 79
" Wm. Likely,* 60 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	1 34
" Jno. M'Eldowney, 300 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	6 71
" Joseph M'Henry, 400 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	8 95
" D. S. M'Clure, 400 mile,	.	.	.	.	.	8 95
" R. M'Curdy, 310 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	6 93
" Jas. Morton, 350 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	7 83
" Dr. Mowry (who allows it to his pastor), 240 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	5 37
" John Randolph, 240 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	5 37
" Hugh Small, 640 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	14 32
" Moses Shirra, 300 miles,	.	.	.	.	.	6 71
" Wm. Scott, 220 miles,	4 92
" H. Sterling,* 540 miles,	12 08
" John Woodburn, 300 miles,	6 71

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Leaving a very small unappropriated balance, which is usually distributed among the most needy.

The name of the Rev. Professor Wylie does not appear as receiving any part of the distribution. The reason of this is, that the Reverend Professor requested that his name should be omitted, inasmuch as his expenses are defrayed by his congregation. And it will be noted that that congregation has sent forward the largest collection for Synod's fund. As it is evident that the taking up of collections has not been general, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

That this Synod enjoin it on Presbyteries to see to it that all the congregations and vacancies under their jurisdiction make collections for Synod's contingent and travelling expense fund of General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Those whose names are thus marked *, did not take their dividend, but allowed them to be paid over in part to the delegate to the Presbyterian Synod, N. S., to the sexton of the church in which Synod sat, and otherwise.

Resolved, That the expenses of the Corresponding Delegate to the General Assembly, be paid from any moneys in the hands of the Committee on Finance, not otherwise appropriated.

Resolved, That five dollars be paid to the sexton of the church, as a small acknowledgment of his services.

The Report of the Committee on the Berlin Conference was taken up, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE BERLIN CONFERENCE.

The Committee recommend: 1. That the Committee on Foreign Correspond-

ence be instructed to transmit to the Conference of Evangelical Christians about to meet in Berlin, Prussia, a copy of the "Draft of a Covenant," transmitted by this Synod to various churches in Britain and America; and to recommend to that Conference the adoption of measures to unite Christians throughout the whole world, under the oath of God, by a solemn public covenant engagement of a similar character, as a duty warranted by the Word of God, and the example of his Church; seasonable, in view of the dangers to which many of our brethren in various lands are now exposed; well calculated to encourage and unite all true Christians in the work of the Lord, and to promote their growth in holiness; the performance of which is promised as the beginning of the glory of the latter days. As it is written, "They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant, which shall not be forgotten." (Jeremiah 50 : 5.)

2. That this Synod appoint Rev. Dr. Black and Mr. G. H. Stuart, Esq., its delegates to the Berlin Conference of the Evangelical Alliance.

3. That each minister of the Church preach on the subject of *The Unity of the Church of Christ*, on the first Sabbath of July next; and each congregation, on that day, take up a collection for defraying the expenses of the delegates to the Evangelical Alliance.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THE COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That Synod recommend that the Day of Fasting be observed as a day of special prayer for colleges and other institutions of learning.

Rev. R. Patterson presented to Synod the claims of the American Reform Tract Society, laying upon the table a specimen of its publications. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That a religious literature, which shall make a practical application of Gospel principles to all the abounding iniquity of the day, and particularly to the crime of slaveholding, is exceedingly desirable; that the American Reform Tract Society, located at Cincinnati, has made a hopeful beginning in the work of supplying such a literature, and that we wish it success in its praiseworthy designs, and commend it to the sympathy and aid of our people. It being understood that Synod do not indorse any of the individual publications of this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be presented to Rev. Alexander Clarke for his excellent sermon at the opening of its present session.

Synod then adjourned, Rev. Gavin M'Millan concluding by prayer.

SAME PLACE, May 27th, 9 o'clock A.M.

Synod met, and opened by prayer. Same members present as before. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Devotional exercises were observed.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was taken up, and after amendment adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION.

Board of Foreign Missions.—Rev. Dr. Crawford, Dr. M'Leod, T. W. J. Wylie, R. J. Black, A. G. M'Auley, A. G. Wylie, Wm. Sterrett, S. L. Finney, Dr. Wilson, W. T. Wylie, Dr. Black, John Douglas, Robert Patterson, Michael Harshaw, J. W. Morison, S. P. Herron, Ministers; and Messrs. Robert Steeuson, Joseph Fleming, John Kemps, Wm. Biggerstaff, George H. Stuart, Robert Guy, Henry Sterling, James N. Gifford, Wm. Agnew, Wm. Matthews, John Stevenson, Isaac

Kirkpatrick, J. C. Nesbit, Daniel M'Millan, Ruling Elders. Treasurer, G. H. Stuart.

Board of Domestic Missions.—Rev. H. M'Millan, J. A. Crawford, Dr. Heron, Dr. Wilson, Robert Patterson, John M'Master, Samuel Wylie, A. M. Stewart, Dr. Guthrie, A. G. M'Auley, Dr. Black, James S. Scott, Ministers; and Messrs Dan'l M'Millan, James C. M'Millan, Robert Reid, Peter Gibson, Thomas Smith, Robt. Orr, John N. Ewer, W. W. Blair, M.D., and Hugh Small, Ruling Elders. Treasurer, James C. M'Millan.

Board of Education.—Rev. A. M. Stewart, John Douglas, S. L. Finney, Dr. Wilson, W. T. Wylie, N. K. Crow, John M'Millan, S. P. Herron, George Scott, John Alford, Ministers; and Messrs J. Adams, H. Delhaven, E. Radcliff, Dr. Mowry, James C. M'Millan, and John Miller, Ruling Elders. Executive Committee at Pittsburg.

Superintendents of Theological Seminary.—Rev. Dr. M'Leod, A. G. Wylie, D. J. Patterson, S. L. Finney, Wm. Sterrett, R. J. Black, A. G. M'Auley, Dr. Black, George Scott, W. T. Wylie, S. P. Herron. Treasurer, Robert Steenson.

The Committee also recommend the re-election of the following gentlemen as Trustees of the Theological Seminary for three years, viz., James N. Gifford, John Clark, Robert Steenson, George H. Stuart.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Supplies presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLIES.

May 26, 1857.

The Committee of Supplies report to Synod the following ministers without charge, and probationers, as being at their service for the supplying of vacant congregations and mission stations; and recommend the following disposition of their time:

Dr. Black—Whole year to the Pittsburg Presbytery.

Mr. Boyd—June, July, and August, to the Philadelphia Presbytery—September, October, November, to the Pittsburg Presbytery—December, January, February, to the Chicago Presbytery—March, April, May, to the Western Presbytery.

Rev. E. Cooper—Whole year to the Ohio Presbytery.

Mr. J. W. Faires—Whole year to the Philadelphia Presbytery.

Rev. R. M'Craeken—June, July, August, to Western Presbytery—September, October, November, to the Chicago Presbytery—December, January, February, to the Western Presbytery—March, April, May, to the Chicago Presbytery.

Mr. M. M'Bride—June and July, to the Chicago Presbytery—August, September, October, November, to the Northern Presbytery—The remainder of the year to the Philadelphia Presbytery.

Mr. John Wilson—June, July, August, September, October, November, to the Chicago Presbytery—The remainder of the year to the Ohio Presbytery.

Resolved, That the Committee recommend to the Synod, that Rev. Gavin M'Millan spend three months in the Western and Chicago Presbyteries, and that Dr. Heron spend two or three months in the Northern Presbytery.

Dr. Crawford—Whole year to the Philadelphia Presbytery.

Rev. H. M'Kelvey—Whole year to the Chicago and Western Presbyteries.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Board of Domestic Missions presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix, Doc. G.)

The report of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions and of the Sustentation Fund was presented. It was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix H and I.)

The Committee on Union presented their report on the Greene County memorial. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial on the subject of Union, report:

That they have had the same under consideration; and regarding the subject of the memorial, viz., "The Union of the divided Church of God on a proper Basis," as one of grave importance; and that the basis of Union referred to in the memorial has never been before this Synod; and further, that it would evidently be indiscreet for us to consider this basis at this late period, when the basis referred to in the memorial, in all probability, is either accepted or rejected by the respectable bodies having it under their own immediate action; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That it is inexpedient for this Synod to take any further action on the memorial.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod remains as ever devotedly attached to the unity of the whole Church, and is willing to do everything proper for its promotion.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod will receive any proposition upon the subject, in the future, through the medium of their Standing Committee on Union.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Education presented their report. It was accepted, and laid on the table.

Dr. Crawford presented his resignation as Professor of Theology in the Seminary. It was referred to the Committee on the Seminary.

Resolved, That the delegation to the transatlantic sister churches be heard in the afternoon, at the commencement of the session.

Synod then adjourned until two o'clock P.M., Rev. John Alford concluding by prayer.

SAME PLACE, 2 o'clock P.M.

Synod met and was opened by prayer. Same members present as before. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. John Randolph stated that the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church were invited by the "Trustees of the Wilmington Institute" to endow a Professorship and appoint a Professor therein.

Resolved, That the proposal be received, and laid on the table for future consideration.

Rev. Alexander Clarke and Rev. A. G. M'Auley, the delegation to sister churches in Europe, addressed the Synod on the subject of their mission.

Resolved, That Synod have heard the report of their delegation with high satisfaction, and that thanks be returned them by the Moderator.

This was done accordingly.

The report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Education was taken up. It was adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Your Committee cordially approve of the objects contemplated by the Board, and recommend the co-operation of all the Presbyteries and the pastors of the Church in carrying them into effect. Commending it to the sympathies of the Church, they would ask her generous contributions.

Respectfully submitted by

THE COMMITTEE.

(See, also, Report of Board itself, Appendix J.)

The Committee on the Theological Seminary presented their report. It was accepted.

Proceeded to its consideration article by article. Article first was adopted.

Dr. M'Leod moved to amend the report by striking out article second, which proposed to accept the resignation of the professors and vacate the chairs. Pending this, Synod, on motion, took a recess until 7½ o'clock P.M.

Resumed business, 7½ o'clock P.M.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the inhabitants of Cedarville and its vicinity, for their kind and considerate hospitalities to its members.

Resolved, That Rev. H. M'Millan be appointed principal (and Rev. T. W. J. Wylie alternate) corresponding delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, next year.

Resumed the consideration of the report on the Theological Seminary. On the motion to strike out the second article accepting the resignations of the Professors, Synod refused to strike out. A division was called for; ayes twenty-one, noes not counted.

The whole report was then, after some verbal amendments, adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, having given their attention to the matters submitted to them, would present to Synod the following report:

That the Seminary during the last year was opened at the time appointed; and both the Professors were in their places, prepared to direct and supervise the studies of those who should be present during the Session of the Seminary. Three students were in regular attendance, and at the close of the term two of them, viz., Messrs. Samuel Boyd and Robert M'Millan, were recommended to their respective Presbyteries for licensure; whilst the other, Mr. H. Graham Finney, was advanced to the third year. Every one must perceive, as the Professors doubtless felt whilst laboriously and faithfully fulfilling their duties, that the attendance was not such as it should have been. Instead of three there should have been ten or fifteen students.

In view of the facts above noted both the Professors resigned their professorships to Synod, and their resignations have been referred to your Committee. It was with regret and sorrow that we felt ourselves called to act on these resignations, and after protracted and anxious consultation, we reluctantly came to the conclusion that under the circumstances these resignations should be accepted, and that the chairs should be declared vacant. We would therefore recommend this action to Synod, in order to a reorganization of the Seminary, at our next meeting, and as we would hope under better auspices.

To prepare the way for the complete organization and the future success of the Seminary, we recommend that Synod direct the Trustees to take such steps as will secure as speedily as possible the \$30,000 which they have proposed to raise for the endowment of the Seminary. Whilst we would also call upon the people when desired so to do, or to come forward of themselves, and after the example of those who have already so cheerfully and liberally subscribed, to complete the endowment.

It was also thought advisable that Synod recommend the Trustees to employ such portion of these funds as they might think necessary, not to exceed one-third of the whole amount, to commence such building in Philadelphia as might be deemed necessary for the Seminary, and thus give a sensible proof to all that it was the design of the Church to establish and carry on a Seminary.

Farther, we would recommend that a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs.

Hugh M'Millan, John M'Master, and George H. Stuart, Esq., be appointed to correspond with suitable persons respecting the filling of the two chairs, and that they report at the next meeting of Synod. Also that until other order be taken, the Presbyteries shall be instructed to make such provision as may be in their power, for the instruction of their Theological Students.

In regard to the donation from the heirs of Mr. Charles M'Kelvey, deceased, formerly of Sparta, Ill., to be in his name, for the endowment of the Theological Seminary, your Committee would recommend that Synod direct the Trustees to accept the \$500 on the conditions proposed, viz., "That the donors or any of them surviving, on the behalf of Mr. Charles M'Kelvey, deceased, have the power of withdrawing this amount, \$500, and giving another direction to it, should said Seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church cease to teach and adhere to all the doctrines and truths contained in the Confession of Faith, Catechisms, Larger and Shorter, and Reformation Principles Exhibited."

All which is respectfully submitted.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee to prepare a Statistical Table presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix K.)

Resolved, That the list of churches and ministers be printed with the minutes. (See Appendix, Document L.)

Resolved, That the Clerk of Synod and Mr. Hugh Small be a Committee to procure the printing of the blank statistical tables, and that the expense be paid by the Treasurer of the Domestic Missionary Board.

Resolved, That the Clerks be a Committee to publish the minutes in the Banner.

Resolved, That a Committee of six ruling Elders, viz., George H. Stuart, J. C. M'Millan, John N. Eyver, Hugh Small, Henry Sterling, and R. Steenson, be appointed to write an address to the members of the Church at large, *on the subject of pastoral support*, and that a sufficient number of copies for each family be forwarded to the pastors or correspondents of the various congregations, to be placed by them in every family.

The Auditing Committee presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee have examined the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Report of Treasurer of Sustentation Fund, Report of Treasurer of Board of Domestic Missions, and Report of Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and find them all to be correct.

Signed, N. K. CROW,
H. ALEXANDER,
Auditing Committee.

May 28th, 1857.

Resolved, That the delegates to the "Berlin Conference" be appointed also to visit our sister Synods in Scotland and Ireland.

Mr. John Alford presented a paper on the subject of Temperance.

Resolved, That it be referred to a special committee of three, to report at the next meeting of Synod. They are, Rev. J. Alford, G. Scott, and Mr. H. Small.

Resolved, That the rule referring letters to be read to Synod before transmission, be suspended; and that the clerk be directed

to write to the Scottish and Irish Synods, and to the Presbytery of Saharanpur, reporting copies of the letters to next Synod.

The minutes of the present session of Synod were then read throughout, and approved.

Resolved, That Synod do now adjourn, to meet in Eden, Illinois, on the fourth Thursday in May, 1858, at 3 o'clock P.M. Adjourned by prayer, singing the 133d Psalm, and the benediction by the Moderator.

Signed, J. AGNEW CRAWFORD,
Moderator.
JOHN NEIL M'LEOD,
Stated Clerk.

CEDARVILLE, OHIO, May 27th, 1857.

APPENDIX.

A.

LETTER FROM THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Hugh M'Millan, Rev. J. N. M'Leod, D.D., Rev. A. W. Black, D.D., Rev. W. Wilson, D.D. ●

DEAR SIRS—

In a communication addressed by the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, you were named as a Committee to receive any reply that we might seem proper to make, and to conduct any correspondence to which the document might give rise.

I was directed by the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, at its late meeting at Philadelphia, to transmit to you the following reply to your communication.

Respectfully,

POLAND, OHIO, July 20th, 1856.

SAMUEL STERRETT,
Clerk of Synod.

(Copy.)

The Committee to whom was referred the communication addressed to Synod, by the Synod of our former brethren, lately in session in the City of New York, report the following reply:

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, desires, most earnestly, the unity of the visible Church of Christ, so soon as it can be attained, upon the basis of the truth, law, and testimony of Jesus, and would be much gratified, of course, to avail itself of any suitable opportunity, to repair the breach made in our Zion, in the year 1833, provided this could be done upon the ground of a sincere and cordial recognition of the entire system of truth, avouched in our standards, with their proper application.

To this the communication before us makes the following allusions: "It is a cause of thankfulness that they and we still recognize the same ecclesiastical standards, and are substantially minding the same things, and walking by the same rule in their application." So far as relates to this Synod, it still adheres to the application of reformation principles, to the civil institutions of the United States, made at a very early period, and summarily stated in the historical part of our testimony, which asserts, "that the practice of the Church has all along been uniform in refusing allegiance to the whole system," on account of "the moral evils" by which it is characterized.

Are we to understand the language above quoted as intimating a disposition to seek union with us upon this ground? As indicating a purpose on their part, to retain the position so clearly assumed, and so long maintained by the whole Reformed Presbyterian Church?

It should be distinctly stated—it is due candor and fidelity so to do—that a

clear and definite expression of such a purpose is indispensable to the opening of any correspondence with a view to union.

THOMAS SPROULL,
Chairman.

The clerk was directed to transmit a copy of the above report to the Committee named in their letter, and T. Sproull, J. B. Johnston, J. M. Wilson, and J. Caldwell, were continued a Committee to receive any further communication which these brethren may see proper to send.

J. STERRETT,
Clerk of Synod.

B.

General Synod's Reply.

Revs. Thomas Sproull, J. B. Johnston, J. M. Wilson, and Mr. J. Caldwell.

DEAR SIRS:—The undersigned acknowledge the receipt of your Synod's answer, of May last, to the letter of our Synod, of the same month. It has been considered, and we regret that circumstances not under our control have prevented us from giving it an earlier reply.

In our communications to you, it was not our intention either to impart or impute blame, as to the unhappy separation of 1833. Doubtless, an impartial review of the history of that event, would impress the mind with the thought that many things were both said and done, which the parties in a calmer mood will not justify. Nevertheless, upon your withdrawal, we entertained no doubt, but that you did what seemed to yourselves to be right. While, therefore, we, much regretted the separation, together with many of its antecedents and consequents, we did not feel ourselves called upon to follow it on our part with any acts of censure or discipline; nor to raise any barriers to a return of brotherly intercourse and friendship. We have ever entertained the hope, that the separation would be but temporary; and that, holding the same views of Divine truth and the same subordinate standards, we would naturally incline to a reunion on the same, when time would have produced due reflection, and made us better acquainted with each others' motives and actions. Not being aware of any difference of principle between us, either now or at the separation, we have ever felt it to be a duty, which we owe to ourselves, to you, to our common profession, and to our common Master, to study the things that make for peace and for edification. In this spirit we have endeavored to live, abstaining from all severity of language or uncharitable feelings; and with such motives and views our Synod addressed you in its former communications.

But while, as we have said, we are not aware of any difference of principle between us, as to any truth taught in the Bible, or confessed in our well-defined public standards, there possibly may be some difference in our respective views of the moral character of the institutions of our country, and of the authorized application of our standards to the complex condition of society, State and Federal, in the United States. But this real or supposed difference, not well understood at the time of the separation, and then under an allowed discussion, does not discourage us in seeking after a reunion, under the guidance of wise and good counsel and of the spirit of prayer. In this we feel the more encouraged when we consider, that we are both holding our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, under the same government; that we are both in the daily practice of resorting to its judicial and executive authority, for the redress of our injured or disputed rights; and that we have ever held our lives and property, when duly called on, as a willing sacrifice for its defence, against an invading or disturbing foe.

Nor are we unmindful of the fact, whatever be the real or supposed immoralities of the institutions of our country, that these immoralities originate more from the expositions of the institutions, and from maladministration, than from the constitutions themselves. This fact is abundantly evident from the consideration that our best jurists themselves do not agree in their expositions of the same documents, or the various provisions of our constitutions, State and Federal. This consideration admonishes us, not to be hasty in giving such expositions of our civil and political deeds, as would strengthen the hands and encourage the hearts of the infidel, and the tyrant, or the ignorant, or prejudiced portions of our

citizens. It always admonishes us, as friends of Zion's peace and unity, not to be rash in making matters of doubtful disputations, and that, too, in civil matters, terms of ecclesiastical communion. To the exposition of the moral character of the government of our country, given by some of our fathers, and to the authorized application of our principles to the present state of society, we have never taken any exception, nor have we passed any acts contravening the same. And while we profess ourselves satisfied, with the authorized footsteps of the Church, in the application of our principles to civil society, we are assured, that it is our duty, as it was that of our fathers, ever to compare the past history of the Church with the Word of God, the only rule of truth and duty. In doing so, what is or was the application of our principles to society, at one time, may not be just what it ought to be, at another? Society is constantly changing; and the Church of God is progressive in her testimony and practice.

The great principle of the Reformed Presbyterian Church—the great principle of Christianity itself is, “No fellowship with immorality,” civil, ecclesiastical, or individual.

We have expressed ourselves thus freely and explicitly, because we desire ever to be ready, whatever our real or supposed differences are, to consider them, in the spirit of candor, meekness, and charity, remembering that we are in the body, where we can see and know but in part.

The thought has occurred, that, as it is difficult to embrace, in a letter of moderate length, all the particulars that might be deemed worthy of consideration, perhaps a personal or oral interview of the committees might at some time be desirable. We only make the suggestion.

In the meantime, we close our communication, with the expressed hope, that ere long, we shall see eye to eye, in all that pertains to the faith and practice of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, whose interests and reputation, we doubt not, are equally dear to you, as to ourselves. Our desire and prayer is, that all your laudable endeavors to promote the cause of the Reformation, in this, our extended, growing, and beloved country, and to the end of the earth, may be abundantly blessed. The Reformed Presbyterian Church should be one in all lands. We remain, with respect and brotherly regard,

Yours, in the Lord,

HUGH M'MILLAN,
JOHN N. M'LEOD,
ANDREW W. BLACK,
WILLIAM WILSON,
Committee.

CEDARVILLE, OHIO, May 27th, 1857.

C.

1857.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GEORGE H. STUART, TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Dr.

Northern Presbytery.

To cash from First Church, New York,	.	.	.	\$300 00
“ “ Second, “ “ after an address	.	.	.	
“ “ on Missions, by Hugh Small, Esq.,	.	.	.	104 97
“ “ S. S. of Second Church, New York,	.	.	.	65 34
“ “ First Church, Brooklyn,	.	.	.	20 00
“ “ Duaneburg Congregation,	.	.	.	40 62
“ “ Ryegate “	.	.	.	43 00
“ “ Pottsdam “	.	.	.	20 00
“ “ Mrs. Vedar,	.	.	.	10 00
“ “ Mrs. Wm. Cunningham, Schenectady,	.	.	.	10 00
“ “ S. H. Grey, Heuvelton,	.	.	.	6 00
“ “ Agnes E. Calderwood, East Greenville,	.	.	.	3 00
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				\$622 93

Philadelphia Presbytery.

To cash from	First Church, Philadelphia,	. . .	\$691 50	
" "	S. S. of " "	. . .	375 00	
" "	Second Church, "	. . .	79 58	
" "	Fourth " "	. . .	21 77	
" "	Joseph Fleming, Esq., of Fourth Church,	. . .	10 00	
" "	Fifth Church,	. . .	65 85	
" "	Milton Congregation,	. . .	64 99	
" "	S. S. of Milton Congregation, for collection in 1856,	. . .	21 15	
" "	S. S. of Milton Congregation, New Year's offering,	. . .	9 45	
" "	Ulster Congregation,	. . .	21 55	
" "	Washingtonville Congregation,	. . .	13 00	
" "	M'Ewansville Congregation,	. . .	5 55	
				<hr/> \$1,379 39

Pittsburg Presbytery.

To cash from	First Church, Pittsburg,	. . .	300 00	
" "	Second " "	. . .	22 00	
" "	First Church Alleghany,	. . .	31 00	
" "	Darlington Congregation,	. . .	45 50	
" "	Deer Creek " "	. . .	17 00	
" "	Shenango " "	. . .	14 50	
" "	Neshamock " "	. . .	1 82	
" "	S. S. of Neshamock Congregation,	. . .	19 50	
" "	Camp Run " "	. . .	10 00	
" "	Union " "	. . .	5 00	
" "	Centretown " "	. . .	9 00	
" "	" " " "	. . .	40 00	
" "	Ladies of Cochrantown Congregation,	. . .	7 25	
" "	R. Gormley, New Castle,	. . .	5 00	
" "	John Stewart, Pittsburg,	. . .	10 00	
" "	James Hare, Alleghany County,	. . .	6 00	
				<hr/> \$543 57

Ohio Presbytery.

To cash from	First Church Cincinnati,	. . .	100 00	
" "	S. S. " "	. . .	40 00	
" "	Cedarville Congregation,	. . .	62 00	
" "	Xenia " "	. . .	40 00	
" "	Richland " "	. . .	23 00	
" "	Garrison " "	. . .	32 15	
" "	Utica " "	. . .	17 00	
" "	Beech Woods " "	. . .	17 00	
" "	Ebenezer " "	. . .	15 00	
" "	Morning Sun " "	. . .	10 00	
" "	Geo. Mowatt, Springfield,	. . .	1 00	
				<hr/> \$357 15

Western Presbytery.

To cash from	Princeton Congregation,	. . .	56 00	
" "	Concord " "	. . .	31 40	
" "	Fayetteville " "	. . .	17 50	
" "	Hill Prairie " "	. . .	20 00	
" "	Bloomington " "	. . .	23 00	
" "	Grand Cote " "	. . .	10 00	
" "	Bethell " "	. . .	2 10	
" "	Mrs. Stevenson, Salem,	. . .	1 00	
				<hr/> \$161 00

Chicago Presbytery.

To cash from	Thorn Grove Congregation,	. . .	50 00	
" "	Chicago " "	. . .	20 00	

To cash from Monmouth Congregation,	\$23 35
" " Mt. Vernon "	5 00
" " S. S. of Somonauk Congregation,	20 00
" " S. S. of Washington "	13 00
" " Mrs. Wm. Zuile and Miss Zuile, Rock P. Congregation,	12 00
" " Miss M. M'Cleary, of Somonauk,	1 00
" " Miss Kate E. Vedder, Whitewater,	1 00
" " Charles N. M'Gill, Sussex,	1 00
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	\$146 35

Scholarship Account.

To cash as per sundry receipts, acknowledged in the Banner since last annual report,	\$186 00
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Native Assistants.

To cash as per sundry receipts, acknowledged in the Banner since last annual report,	\$360 00
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Synod's Tracts.

To cash as per sundry receipts, acknowledged in the Banner since last annual report,	\$70 50
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Banner of Covenant.

To cash from sundry subscribers, as per acknowledgments in Banner since last annual report,	\$1067 28
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Mission Retreat.

To cash from friends of the Treasurer,	\$1000 00
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Missions in Hindostan.

To cash for sales of books since last annual report,	\$17 10
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Foreign Missionary.

To cash from Duanesburg and Eden Congregation,	\$17 00
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General Fund.

To cash from C. Arbuthnot, Esq., Pittsburg, of the Asso- ciate Reformed Church,	\$75 00
To cash for sundry receipts, acknowledged in the Banner since last report,	\$127 03
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	\$202 03

Outfit Account.

To cash from Darlington Congregation,	\$5 00
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Dehra Station.

To cash from Mrs. Maria M'Leod, New York,	4 00
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Roorkee Station.

To cash as per sundry receipts acknowledged in Banner since last annual report,	397 75
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Total receipts since last annual report,	\$6,537 05
1856, May 19. To balance on hand as per report to Synod,	2,101 12
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	\$8,638 17

1857, May 11. To balance on hand this day,	\$1,170 39
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By cash to General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions for salaries of Mis-
sionaries as, viz.:

Rev. James R. Campbell, D.D., one year, to 1st June, '57,	\$600 00
" Joseph Caldwell, " "	600 00
" John S. Woodside, " "	600 00

Rev. David Herron, one year, to 1st June, 1857, . . .	\$600 00
“ William Calderwood, “ “ “ . . .	600 00
	<hr/> \$3,000 00
To General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions for Scholarship in Orphan School at Saharanpur, to December, '57, . . .	311 00
To General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions for Native Assistants, to 1st June, '56, . . .	360 00
To General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions for copies of “Foreign Missionary” paper sent to vari- ous Sabbath-schools, . . .	15 00
By cash remitted Rev. Dr. Campbell to pay off the balance of debt of the Mission Retreat, at Landour, being specially appropriated for that purpose, . . .	1,322 08
“ for publication of Banner of Covenant, . . .	1,026 48
“ for purchases and remittances, account of Roorkee Station, . . .	632 30
“ for purchases and remittances, account of Saha- ranpur Station, . . .	55 00
“ for bill of American Tract Society, for books sent to India with Messrs. Herron and Calderwood, . . .	33 15
“ Remitted Rev. Messrs. Herron and Calderwood, for balance due them on outfit account . . .	712 77
1857. May 11. By balance in Treasury this day, . . .	1,170 39
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E. E.	\$8,638 17

Philadelphia, May 11, 1857.

GEO. H. STUART,
Treasurer.

D.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully reports to General Synod:

Since the last meeting of General Synod, no events have occurred in our foreign missionary operations requiring a lengthened report. The beloved brethren who have been sent out in our behalf to distant India, have been faithfully prosecuting their labors, and the results of their patient and earnest toil begin to appear in all parts of the region which they occupy. In places where, a few years ago, the missionary could not obtain a hearing, and was even in danger of serious injury, crowds of attentive listeners and inquirers are now found ready to receive him. The number of church members is increasing, and the native Christians manifest the excellence of our holy religion, and the sincerity of their own faith, by the purity of their lives, and their zeal and diligence in the service of GOD OUR SAVIOUR.

The schools at the various stations are in a flourishing condition, and all are conducted on Christian principles, religious worship being connected with the instructions which are given. Three stations are now occupied by the brethren ecclesiastically connected with us: these are Saharanpur, Dehra, and Roorkee, and from each of these interesting reports have been received, which as they have been already published in the Banner of the Covenant, need not be here introduced. Those who went forth weeping, as they bore the precious seed, now begin to return again with rejoicing, as they bear the sheaves of ripened grain, the first-fruits of an abundant harvest of regenerated and redeemed souls.

The publication department of our operations continues in its former condition. There is still demand for the valuable work of Rev. Dr. Campbell, on Missions in Hindostan, and for the interesting tracts published about two years ago, under the supervision of the Rev. Robert Patterson. The Banner of the Covenant, of which the Rev. A. G. M'Auley still continues to be editor, pays its monthly visits throughout our churches, and to say nothing of its claims to welcome and support on other grounds, the fact that it contains a record of the operations of our missionary brethren, and of our ecclesiastical proceedings at home, should cause it to be considered as indispensable by every one, who desires to know what the Reformed Presbyterian Church is doing. It will be

May, 1857.	Received from Third Church, Philadelphia,	\$10 00
"	" Fifth " "	18 46
"	" Rev. G. Scott's Congregation,	12 50
"	" " G. R. M'Millan's Congregation of Her-	
	mon and Neshannoek,	11 00
"	" " J. M'Millan, Alleghany,	6 00
"	" " S. Wylie's Congregation, Eden,	25 00
"	" John Stewart, Pittsburg,	10 00
"	" Milton Congregation,	5 45
"	" Rev. John Nevin, Shenango Congregation,	5 50
"	" Dr. M'Leod, interest on the Thomson Fund,	24 50
"	" Mrs. Wm. Cunningham, Schenectady,	5 00
"	" Rev. A. G. Wylie, Duaneburg Congrega-	
	tion,	14 25
"	" " W. D. Silliman, Pottsdam Congrega-	
	tion,	8 00
"	" " W. D. Silliman, Second Church Lis-	
	bon,	3 00
"	" " G. M'Millan, Morning Sun, Ohio,	2 00
"	" " M. Harshaw, Concord, Illinois,	6 00
"	" Mr. Wm. Roseborough, Eden, Illinois,	4 00
"	" Mr. John M'Cormick, " "	50
"	" Church of the Covenanters,	5 00
"	" First Church, Cincinnati,	29 00
"	" Rev. Alexander Robinson, Chimogue,	10 00
"	" " A. Clarke, Amherst,	5 00
Total,		\$756 68
Balance in Treasury,		68

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February 3d, 1857.	Rev. T. W. J. Wylie, Salary as Professor,	\$300 00
March 6th,	" David J. Patterson, Travelling Expenses as	
	Superintendent,	6 00
"	" Dr. Crawford, as Professor,	300 00
"	" James Jones, as Janitor for the Theological Semi-	
	nary for three years,	150 00
		\$756 00

F.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, elected by last Synod, under the charter recently granted by the State of Pennsylvania, has been duly organized, H. Sterling, having been elected President, George H. Stuart, Secretary, and R. Steenson, Treasurer. The Board respectfully submits the following report:

By the detailed report of the Treasurer, which accompanies this, it will be found that the balance on hand from the old Board is \$177. Receipts during the year, \$579 68. Payments, \$756. Balance 68 cents.

Although our relation to the Seminary as a Board of Trustees, strictly speaking, confines itself to its financial affairs, yet we have often mourned over its languid condition, and have frequently put to ourselves such questions as these: What can be done in order to infuse into it a more vigorous vitality? What measures can be adopted by which a greater number of students, may be induced to avail themselves of its educational course?

We, in common with many other members of the Church, have listened to that Macedonian cry, "Come over, and help us!" and have heard that loud, long, beseeching cry, responded to but by a very few feeble voices, "Here am I; send me." We, too, could not help remarking, how few indeed were the laborers who, in view of that vast, immeasurable field, white already unto the harvest, were sharpening their sickles for the glorious work.

We were deeply impressed with the fact, that this lamentable state of affairs prevailed in our Church; that instead of our having a noble, numerous band in a position to act on the offensive, to bear the banner of the cross into the enemies' land, and plant it among the strongholds of Sin, we had but a handful of brave, devoted soldiers, who with their utmost exertions are scarcely able to hold their own, and fill the places of those who fall, fighting manfully the battles of the Lord.

While mourning over the condition of the Church in this respect, a proposition bearing on the subject reached us. Coming as it did from an unexpected quarter, and being responded to with so much warmth and cordiality, we feel that it is the work of God, and will succeed.

Permit us to present a brief record of the origin and progress of this scheme.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, held in the lecture-room of the First Church, Philadelphia, a letter was read from one of our ministers to a member of the Board, from which we extract the following: "Those accustomed to look beneath the surface of things, naturally inquire, Why is there such a lamentable deficiency of theological students? Why has our Seminary presented so unsteady an appearance for the last few years?" The writer goes on to state, that in a conversation with a gentleman, who is accustomed carefully to investigate every subject he takes under consideration (Mr. John McCormick, of Cincinnati), he (Mr. McCormick), expressed his dissatisfaction with the financial basis of our educational operations, and requested the writer to submit his views for the consideration of the Board. They were the following:

That the support of the Seminary be drawn from a *permanent endowment* of at least \$10,000, invested in ground-rent charges, at ten per cent., the interest payable annually to the Treasurer of the Seminary: that this income be appropriated to the salaries of professors, the support of the students, or other expenses of the Seminary, as the Synod may direct. He, moreover, proposed to be one of five persons who would give one thousand dollars each for this purpose, provided, the Church at large would raise the other five thousand, or, he offered to invest one thousand, if the Church would contribute nine thousand, and so place the Seminary on a *permanent financial basis*.

This proposition made its impression, and was met in the right spirit. For some time after it had been read, no one spoke. At last, the oldest member of the Board broke the silence, by proposing to be one of the thousand-dollar subscribers. His example was followed in quick succession by others, so that five thousand dollars were raised on the spot. This practical part of the business over, it was suggested that the amount mentioned by the Cincinnati brother was too small. A resolution was passed, that the sum of \$20,000 be raised for the object specified, and a committee of the officers of the Board, consisting of H. Sterling, Geo. H. Stuart, and R. Steenson, was appointed to visit the churches, and receive subscriptions. Such is the origin of the Endowment Fund. As regards its progress. The committee reports that Philadelphia contributes \$10,550,* provided, the entire Church collects the rest of the required amount. The result of the Committee's visit to New York was not so satisfactory as could have been expected; the reason for which is explained by the communication which accompanies this report.† Another subscription of a thousand has been received, and one of five hundred from a member of the West. And also sundry other subscriptions, amounting in all to over \$13,600, have already been subscribed.

This statement we respectfully submit for your consideration, trusting that you may be able in your wisdom to devise a plan by which the amount required shall be secured for the endowment of the Seminary. We would also suggest, that, besides the fund from which are drawn the salaries of the Professors, a special fund be set apart for the support of those students who have a strong desire to preach salvation to perishing sinners, while they have not the means of thoroughly preparing themselves for that high office. The present age demands an educated ministry; and we would rather help the student forward in his efforts, than lower the standard of ministerial qualifications, or, in the language of Chalmers, "Least of all would I, for the purpose of letting him in among us, let down the incumbent literature of our clergy, and smooth for him an avenue of admission to our Church. The very last thing I would concede should be to level that hill of diffi-

* This no doubt will reach \$12,000.

† This letter has not been found among Synod's papers.

culty, by whose steep and rugged and arduous ascent it is that we attain a lofty and laborious scholarship. I would insist in making it most firmly indispensable that the only gate of entrance for every minister of our church should be on the very summit of that hill."

The term of office of James N. Gifford, John Clark, Robert Steenson, and George H. Stuart, who were elected for one year, expired with the present meeting of Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Board of Domestic Missions report to General Synod:

That they have been endeavoring to do in their place the work appointed them. The Executive Committee has met as frequently, during the year, as the case required, and has sought to act out the spirit of those resolutions passed by the last Synod; as appended to the Domestic Missions Report; and which were designed as our guide. Two objects, in the main, have been before us; *a*, the succoring of those feeble congregations which needed help; and *b*, the occupancy of such new posts as seemed to be the most important and promising. The Treasurer's Report will show what has been done in regard to the former of these aims. In reference to the latter, the Board lament that their wishes have found as yet no proper exponent in action. We have felt the need of some well-concerted plan of *Church extension*, which, by being vigorously pushed, might secure our enlargement and our revival. To this, the Board has not thought itself equal. And were the plan perfected, it must fail of execution at the present, as the *men* and the *means* are wanting; we have set no one new stake, we have made no one new stand during the year that is past. We have seen fair fields in which we might have sown, lying waste, or tilled and tended by the enemy. In many places in the West, are small colonies of our brethren crying out for supplies of the Gospel; but whom we have not been able to relieve. And all this is sad-denying.

But can there be any proper action on our part in the great matter of missionary work, either domestic or foreign, until our Church *awake*, to own and practise on the plan of a *steady* and *systematic* giving to the Lord? Have not our efforts, thus far, been, for the most part, spasmodic? We fear it. Some louder cry we may indeed have heard, and, under some special impulses, we may have hastened to relieve the existing need. But from all such exertion we return, enfeebled actually, and not a step in advance of the ground occupied before. We are verily persuaded from the Word of God, and the testimony of those who have experience in the matter, then, *then only* will God give the increase, when we honor him with our substance, and bring all the tithes into the storehouse. We have a generous membership in the Church; we thank God for much of the past, and make no comment. But we would urge this thought upon our Church, that the Lord has still his old and oft-asserted claim upon the *tenth* of his people's property. It cannot be a thing of option, what we consecrate to his use. And it is worthy of special inquiry whether these occasional blights upon our harvest-fields, and this wrecking of our merchantmen, and this failure of some splendid speculations, by all which professed Christians are sufferers, are not Heaven's own rebuke of our unholy covetousness. This dwarfish piety of the Church, this prolonged puerility of us, who should have reached long ago to man's estate, as God's people, the narrowness of this sphere within which we are operating for him, must have a reason and a cause. Spring comes with its renewal to the earth, but brings *us* no general revival of religion. And is there not a cause? May it not be that we are "*robbing God* in tithes and offerings." The Board believe that we are able to give a *tenth*, as a Church, to the Lord, and therefore *should* do it; were it done, he could "open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing;" for such is the positive promise.

The Board believes that there has been a *markish diffidence* in the past, in speaking on the subject of the support of the Gospel among us; even though the utterance of the Divine oracle be so loud and plain. If there be suffering anywhere, the fault is much with ourselves, who have failed to instruct the Church in her duty. The Board recommend respectfully, that Synod give its sanction to what is known now as *systematic benevolence*, and urge on the Church, the duty of giving, *at least*, a tenth of her income to the Lord. Let us prove him thus,

and see if he will not "come and leave behind him a blessing." And as this matter can be reached only through the Presbyteries, let them be requested to make particular inquiry how each congregation is sustaining *God's* cause for itself.

With a view to our general cheer and our enlargement, the Board recommend that a commission of two ministers be sent through the Church, to visit her waste places, and to greet and gladden those people of *God*, who in their loneliness and loss, are still holding fast their profession. No measure, it is believed, would be waited on by happier results. The plan is apostolic. The need is urgent. The need cannot be reached save in some such way.

The Church has confided to us two of her most important trusts, that of sustaining, from her funds, her needy ministers, and the management of her Domestic Missionary operations. And we joy to be able to state that the contributions to the former of these objects have been, this year, one-third in advance of the sum reached last year. We have disbursed \$663 25. The Church can give no better direction to her money than by sending it to bless and cheer the fathers and brethren whose prolonged service, or whose self-denial in the work of the Lord calls for some acknowledgment.

We would suggest to the Church the propriety of making permanent provision, in any way it may prefer, for the support of such brethren who, through age or hopeless infirmity, may, at any time, be laid aside from the active duties of the ministry. The Levites, retired from the activities of the temple service, fell back upon the homes and the goodly portions which a thoughtful and divine Master had provided through the agency of his people. Should it not still be thus?

In the management of our Domestic Missionary affairs, we have been guided by those special rules, made for us by last Synod, in the adoption of our report. We require an indorsement by its own Presbytery, of any congregation which applies for help from this fund. Nor can it receive any, except as it is certified to us as having done to the utmost of its power in supporting the Gospel.

One congregation has availed itself of the arrangements contemplated by the 3d resolution appended to our last report, as adopted by Synod.

We recommend to Synod that the help afforded by us to weak congregations be annually diminished, so that it shall wholly cease within five years.

The Treasurer reports \$812 15 in the Treasury at present. It will be seen from this, that our people are awaking to the importance of sustaining the cause of truth among themselves. There would be no difficulty in bearing the expenses of any number of domestic laborers—the difficulty is to procure them.

The Board earnestly commend to the special notice of Synod the work committed to their hands.

By order of the Board.

J. AGNEW CRAWFORD,
Secretary.

H.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

DR.

To amount in Treasury as per last annual report,	\$727 75
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Amount received from Northern Presbytery.

From First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn,	
N. Y.,	\$20 00
" Duaneburg Congregation,	19 75
" Pottsdam Congregation,	5 28
	\$45 03

Philadelphia Presbytery.

From First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philada.,	\$100 00
" Second " " " "	66 22
" Third " " " "	17 00
" Fourth " " " "	31 76
" Fifth " " " "	41 00
" Milton Congregation, Pa.,	10 00
	\$265 98

Pittsburg Presbytery.

From First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, .	\$50 00	
“ Darlington Congregation,	41 00	
	<hr/>	\$91 00

Ohio Presbytery.

From Cedarville Congregation,	\$40 00	
“ Xenia Congregation,	33 50	
“ Morning Sun Congregation,	24 00	
“ Garrison Congregation,	24 39	
“ Richland Congregation,	3 00	
“ Church of the Covenanters' Cincinnati,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$129 89

Western Presbytery.

From Princeton, Iowa,	\$49 00	
“ Concord, Illinois,	2 00	
“ Eden Prayer-meeting, Illinois,	5 25	
“ Fayetteville, Tennessee,	9 00	
“ Mrs. A. Kemp, New Orleans,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$75 25

Chicago Presbytery.

From Thorn Grove Congregation,	\$25 00	
“ Monmouth Congregation,	15 00	
“ Chicago Congregation,	20 00	
“ Miss Zuille, Rockgrove,	5 25	
“ “ Gentile, “	3 75	
“ “ C. N. M'Gill, “	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$70 00
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		\$1,404 90

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By amount paid, A. Robinson,	\$106 00	
“ “ A. R. Gailey,	83 00	
“ “ J. M'Corkell,	40 00	
“ “ M. M'Bride,	23 75	
“ “ W. P. Shaw,	48 00	
“ “ N. K. Crow,	32 00	
“ “ Rev. Dr. Crawford,	56 00	
“ “ “ H. M'Millan,	30 00	
“ “ “ G. M'Millan,	10 00	
“ “ “ J. A. Crawford,	7 00	
“ “ “ A. W. Black,	8 00	
“ “ “ J. W. Morrison,	8 00	
“ “ “ W. T. Wylie,	30 00	
“ “ appropriated to Richmond congregation,	100 00	
“ “ Rev. G. R. M'Millan,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$591 75

Balance in Treasury, \$813 15

J. C. M'MILLAN,
Treasurer.

May 25th, 1857.

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF SUSTENTATION FUND.

DR.

Northern Presbytery.

To amount received from First Reformed Presbyterian Church, New York,	\$55 78	
“ “ “ Duaneburg Congregation,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$65 78

Philadelphia Presbytery.

To amount received from	First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia,	\$394 52	
"	"	"	
"	Fifth Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia,	30 00	
"	"	"	
"	Milton Congregation,	9 00	
			\$433 52

Pittsburg Presbytery.

To amount received from	Darlington Congregation,	\$10 00	
"	"	"	
"	Neshannoek Congregation,	12 41	
"	"	"	
"	Hermon Congregation,	6 00	
"	"	"	
"	First Church, Alleghany,	6 00	
"	"	"	
"	John Stewart, Pittsburg,	10 00	
			\$44 41

Ohio Presbytery.

To amount received from	First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio,	\$18 00	
"	"	"	
"	Cedarville Congregation,	20 00	
"	"	"	
"	Xenia Congregation,	20 00	
"	"	"	
"	Morning Sun Congregation,	5 50	
"	"	"	
"	Garrison Congregation,	9 00	
"	"	"	
"	Richland Congregation,	4 00	
			\$76 50

Western Presbytery.

To amount received from	Princeton Congregation,	\$28 00	
"	"	"	
"	Bloomington Congregation,	8 00	
"	"	"	
"	Fayetteville, Tenn.,	3 50	
			\$39 50

Chicago Presbytery.

To amount received from	Washington, Iowa,	\$3 50	
			\$3 50
			\$663 21

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By amount paid	Rev. G. McMillan,	\$100 00	
"	"	"	
"	A. Heron, D.D.,	100 00	
"	"	"	
"	A. Clarke,	100 00	
"	"	"	
"	Wm. S. Darragh,	100 00	
"	"	"	
"	J. S. Scott,	100 00	
"	"	"	
"	J. M'Corkell,	100 00	
"	"	"	
Balance paid to	Rev. M. Harshaw,	63 21	
			\$663 21

J. C. McMILLAN,
Treasurer.

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N. K. C.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

In presenting this our first report the Board is not unconseious of the delicacy, as well as the importance of the duty. The members of the Board were not familiar with the work to be done. The subject was, in a goodly measure, new to ourselves and to our people. Many felt that already a sufficient number of benevolent schemes had been presented for regular contributions. But notwithstanding these embarrassments, the Board is greatly encouraged by the success already attending its operations. Little more was hoped for, during the first year, than to effect a permanent organization. This it is believed has been successfully effected, active operations commenced and the good results already manifest. Seven young men have already been taken under the care of the Board, without whose assistance they could not otherwise pursue their studies.

Whenever the objects of our organization and action have been fairly presented, the people have given a ready and liberal response. Over three hundred dollars have already been paid into the treasury. About another hundred is known to be ready for payment. Some three hundred dollars more have been given by friends of the Board, for its specific objects, though not coming through its treasury nor counted in its report. From the response already given, no doubt is entertained but that the same liberality will be manifested by the whole Church, so soon as the subject has been presented for distinct action. Encouraged by the success of efforts lately made to endow our Theological Seminary, the Board have resolved to raise a permanent fund of twenty-five thousand dollars, besides regular annual contributions from all our congregations. This resolve has been made with no vain or vague hope, but with full confidence, if proper efforts be made, it can be accomplished.

The Executive Committee have been directed to take the proper measures, for obtaining legal authority to transact all necessary business connected with its operations.

In order to bring its objects and wants more distinctly before the Church, the Board have appointed Rev. A. M. Stewart a special agent, to visit as far as practicable the various localities of the Church, to present the importance of the cause, receive donations and subscriptions, and to inquire into the number, condition, hopefulness, &c., of our young men, who are, or may become candidates for the ministry. His mission, as well as the cause itself, is earnestly commended to the attention and liberality of the various Presbyteries and Congregations.

No overestimate, it is confidently believed, is made in considering the objects aimed at by the Board, the present want of our Church. Without something more energetic and extended in this direction, our Seminary must remain empty, our numerous vacancies continue to languish, and our Missionaries in India die unaided. From information obtained the past year it is believed, that never before in our Church was there a greater number of promising young men, who may ere long be prepared to preach the Gospel. Equally firm is the belief that without the continued and enlarged operations of the Board, not even a half of these will ever be available to our Church as ministers of the Gospel.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE JEWS.

The Committee appointed to consider what efforts should be made in behalf of the Evangelization of the Jews, respectfully report, that the subject intrusted to them is one of great interest, and that they believe our Churches feel a general and strong desire to do something for the conversion to God our Saviour, of those who, though still broken off from the good olive tree, are in due season to be grafted in again. The action of Synod in regard to the Report of the Board of Missions, directs the Board to receive contributions and employ missionaries for this purpose. In addition to what has been suggested in the report, we recommend:

1. That an appeal on behalf of this object be issued by the Executive Committee, and disseminated throughout our Churches.
2. That a collection for the support of the Jewish Mission be taken up on the first Sabbath of October, for the present year, and on the first Sabbath of February for the coming year.
3. That the Rev. Dr. McLeod deliver a sermon on this subject during the next sessions of this Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted by,

THE COMMITTEE.

K.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE — CONGREGATION.

— Township, — County, — State. For the year, ending 1st of —, 185—.

No. 1. Pastor's name and address.

2. Name and address of a correspondent, if the congregation be vacant.

3. Number of ruling elders.

4. Number of families.

Name.	Correspondent.	Address.
Barnet,	Mr. Peter Buchanan,	West Barnet, Vermont.
First Brooklyn,	Rev. D. J. Patterson,	264 Dean Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Lisbon,	Rev. Henry Gordon,	Church, Duffield Street near Myrtle Avenue.
Pottdam,	} Rev. W. D. Silliman,	Lisbon Centre, New York.
Second Lisbon,		Madrid, St. Lawrence County, New York.
Amboy,	} Mr. Hugh M'Kee,	Amboy Centre, Oswego Co., New York.
Redfield,		
Amherst,	} Rev. Alexander Clarke,	Amherst, Nova Scotia.
Sackville,		
River Hebert,	Mr. James M'Alece,	River Hebert, New Brunswick.
Nappan,	Mr. Joseph Coates,	Nappan, New Brunswick.
Chimoguee,	} Rev. Alexander Robinson,	Chimoguee, New Brunswick.
Port Elgin,		
Goose River,	Rev. W. S. Darragh,	Goose River, Nova Scotia.

Philadelphia Presbytery.

Ulster,	Rev. S. W. Crawford, D.D.,	Fayetteville, Franklin Co., Pa.
Milton,	Walter Pollock,	Ulster, Bradford Co., Pa.
Washingtonville,	Rev. W. T. Wiley,	Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa.
	Robert M'Coy,	Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa.
Philadelphia, 1st,	Rev. T. W. J. Wylie,	Church, Broad St. below Spruce No. 2041 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.
" 2d,	Rev. Wm. Sterrett,	No. 2131 Vine Street.
" 3d,	Rev. Robert J. Black,	Church, 22d above Vine Street, Philadelphia.
" 4th,	Rev. Samuel P. Herron,	564 Marshall above Master St. Church, corner of Hancock and Oxford Sts. Philadelphia.
" 5th,	Rev. A. G. M'Auley,	Care Geo. H. Stuart.
		Church, corner of Filbert and 18th Street, Philadelphia.
		278 Hanover Street.
		Church, on York Street west of Frankford Road, Philadelphia.

Pittsburg Presbytery.

Fairview,	Rev. A. W. Black, D.D.,	Sewicklyville, Alleghany Co., Pa.
Darlington,	Rev. George Scott,	East Palestine, Ohio.
Austintown,	Mr. John R. Truesdale,	Orange, Mahoning Co., Ohio.
Ebenezer,	Mr. James Waddell,	Centretown, Mercer Co., Pa.
Shenango,	} Rev. John Nevin,	Adamsville, Crawford Co., Pa.
Cochranon,		
Newcastle,	Mr. John N. Euer,	Newcastle, Lawrence Co., Pa.
Neshannock,	} Rev. G. R. M'Millan,	" " "
Heron,		
Madison,	Mr. James S. Brown,	Madison, Westmoreland Co., Pa.
Deer Creek,	Mr. John Black,	Harmersville, Alleghany Co., Pa.
Mount Pleasant,	Rev. T. C. Guthrie, D.D.,	Bakerstown, Alleghany Co., Pa.
Union,	Mr. Samuel Boyd,	Breakneck, Butler Co., Pa.
Pine Creek,	Mr. James Williams,	Bakerstown, Alleghany, Pa.
Pittsburg, 1st,	Rev. John Douglas,	Pittsburg, Pa.
		Church on Plum, east of Liberty St.

Name.	Correspondent.	Address.
Pittsburg, Ind.,	Rev. Alex. M. Stewart,	{ Pittsburg, Pa. Church 706 Penn St.
Alleghany,	Rev. John M'Millan,	{ Alleghany, Pa. Church on Sandusky below Ohio, Alleghany.
Harrisville,	Mr. Hugh Graham,	Harrisville, Butler Co., Pa.
Pleasantville,	Mr. Robert Mehard,	Wirtensburg, Lawrence Co., Pa.
Bethel,	Mr. John Hogg,	Harrisville, Butler Co., Pa.
" No. 2.	Mark Anderson,	Bakertown, Pa.

Ohio Presbytery.

East Tennessee,	Mr. John Eaken,	Lloyd's Creek, Blunt Co., Tenn.
Richland,	Rev. W. P. Shaw,	Belle Centre, Logan Co., Ohio.
Utica,	Mr. William Alsdorf,	Utica, Logan Co., Ohio.
Beech Woods,	Rev. Gavin M'Millan,	Morning Sun, Preble Co., Ohio.
Garrison,	Rev. Andrew Heron, D.D.,	Steel's P. O., Rush Co., Ind.
Church of the Cove- nancers,	{ Rev. Wm. Wilson, D.D.,	{ Cincinnati, Church, 9th St. below John.
1st Church Cinn.	Rev. Robert Patterson,	{ Cincinnati, Church, George St. above Elm.
Xenia,	Rev. J. A. Crawford,	Xenia, Ohio.
Cedarville,	Rev. Hugh M'Millan,	Cedarville, Ohio.
"	Rev. E. Cooper,	"

Western Presbytery.

Eden,	Rev. Samuel Wylie,	Sparta, Randolph Co., Ill.
Coneord,	Rev. Mich. Harshaw,	" " "
Unity & Hill Prairie,	Rev. N. K. Crow,	Elk Horn, Washington Co., Ill.
Grand Cote,	David Munford,	Coulterville, Randolph Co., Ill.
Walnut Hill,	Mr. Alexander Kell,	Rome, Jefferson Co., Ill.
Princeton,	Rev. John M'Master,	Princeton, Ind.
Salem,	Samuel W. Cunningham,	Salem, Marion Co., Ill.
Bloomington,	Rev. Theophilus A. Wylie,	Bloomington, Ind.
W. Tennessee,	Mr. Wm. Wyatt,	Fayetteville, Lincoln Co., Tenn.

Saharanpur Presbytery.

North India,	Rev. J. R. Campbell, D.D.,	Saharanpur.
" "	Rev. John S. Woodside,	Dehra Dhoon.
" "	Rev. Joseph Caldwell,	Rhoorkee.
" "	Rev. William Calderwood,	Saharanpur.
" "	Rev. David Heron,	Dehra.

Chicago Presbytery.

Rock Prairie,	Rev. Andrew Walker,	Rock Prairie, Rock Co., Ill.
Dundee,	Rev. A. R. Gailey,	Dundee, Kane Co., Ill.
Elgin,	Rev. John M'Corkell,	Elgin, Kane Co., Ill.
Washington,	Mr. Alex. M'Cormack,	" " "
Chicago,	Mr. Moses Shirra,	Chicago, Ill.
		Church, cor. Clinton & Fulton.
Thorn Grove,	Rev. John W. Morrison,	Bloom P. O., Cooke Co., Ill.
Monmouth,	Rev. James S. Scott,	Monmouth, Ill.
Mount Vernon,	Mr. Robert Smith,	Marion, Linn Co., Iowa.
Somonauk,	Rev. John Alford,	Somonauk, De Kalb Co., Ill.
Fulton,	Mr. Wm. R. Gibson,	Andrew Jackson Co., Iowa.
Washington,	Mr. Robt. M'Connell,	Washington, Iowa.
	Rev. Robert M'Cracken,	

Total, June, 1857.

Ministers,	50
Congregations,	80
Stations (unorganized),	25
Probationers,	6
Students of Theology (reported),	15

CHARTER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IN NORTH AMERICA.

An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in North America.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:

That Gabriel Adams, Daniel M'Millan, Robert Orr, Henry Sterling, Joseph Fleming, James N. Gifford, Robert Steenson, George H. Stuart, and their successors, duly elected and appointed as hereinafter directed, be and hereby are declared a body politic and corporate, in law and fact, with the name and title of "THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IN NORTH AMERICA;" and shall have all the rights, franchises, and power, and be subject to all the liabilities, which, by law, pertain to a corporation, including the right and liability to action, and the right to use a common seal, and to receive and hold real and personal property, to an amount not exceeding, in clear annual value, the sum of ten thousand dollars, and to convey the same at pleasure.

SECTION 2. That the purposes of the said corporation shall be the preparation of young men for the Gospel Ministry; and the course of instruction in the Seminary shall be conducted according to the direction of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, and under the supervision of such Board or Committee as they shall think proper to institute, and in such form as they shall direct or allow.

SECTION 3. That the trustees shall consist of any number, not exceeding eighteen, which the said Synod shall choose, who shall manage and dispose of the property and funds committed to their care, for the purposes of the said Seminary, and obey all such special instructions in relation thereto, not inconsistent with the purposes of the trust and the law of the land, as shall be given to them by the said General Synod, in writing, under the hand of their clerk; and the said General Synod shall have power to change one-third of their number annually, in such manner as said Synod shall deem proper.

SECTION 4. That the said trustees shall have a president, secretary, and treasurer, and shall have power to make all such rules and by-laws for their regulations, that are not inconsistent with the trust reposed in them, nor with the law of the land, as they may think proper; and a quorum shall consist of such number, as the said General Synod shall, from time to time, declare; and they shall keep a fair record of all their proceedings, and make a full report of all their receipts and disbursements to the said Synod, as often as the same shall be required.

SECTION 5. That the Legislature reserves the right of repealing this act of incorporation whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall require it.

RICHARDSON L. WRIGHT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM M. PRATT,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved, The nineteenth day of April, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

(Signed) JAMES POLLOCK.

Secretary's Office, Pennsylvania: ss.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed is a true and correct copy of the original act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Theological [L.s.] Seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in North America," as the same remains on file in this office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Secretary's office to be affixed at Harrisburg, this fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and of the Commonwealth the eightieth.

A. F. CURTIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

LETTER FROM REV. J. R. CAMPBELL, D.D.

MISSION HOUSE, SAHARANPUR, March 24, 1857.

MY DEAR BROTHER PATTERSON :

A few minutes still remain before the overland mail closes, and I shall now occupy them, in replying to your very kind letter of the 27th Oct. last, received some time ago ; but I am afraid it will be a poor compensation, written in such a hurry, for your excellent letter, so full of refreshing news, and affectionate regards. But "half a loaf is better than no bread," and I am apprehensive that if I let the present opportunity pass unimproved, it might be months before I might have a better opportunity. Well do I remember the time we met, apparently accidentally, at the communion at Duaneburg, and of the very pleasant season we had, and the sweet social conversations we then enjoyed. How widely are we separated now, and how very different have been the scenes through which we passed since ! A kind Providence has preserved our lives, and continued us in his service. It is now more than twenty-one years since I first arrived on these benighted shores. Of the fourteen missionaries that sailed with us, Mrs. Campbell and I are the only two remaining in India. Some have had to return on account of health ; but the greater part are in their graves. At that time we considered that three to five years would most likely be the length of our lives in this burning clime. Yet here we are still, almost a wonder to ourselves ! O, that the time given us to labor had been better employed ! It is no time to loiter now, but it is proper to be more active than ever, as our time must now be short. I lately made a long and interesting preaching tour through this whole district, and was much pleased by witnessing the improved state of things, and the great attention paid to the Gospel by multitudes. In the midst, therefore, of all our trials among this people, we have our encouragements and hopes ; and if we had the necessary amount of laborers to sow the seed, and watch and water it, we might soon reap an abundant harvest. At present we keep up regular preaching in the city daily, at three places ; and three services in our churches every Sabbath, so that the thousands who dwell in the city, and the multitudes who are daily passing through it, have an opportunity of hearing the way of salvation plainly stated in their own language. Many doubtless are thinking of these strange things that come to their ears, and we have reason to hope that God's word will not return to him void, but produce fruit to his glory. We rejoice to think that so many prayers ascend on our behalf from so many Christian hearts at home.

These are not unheard, and they will be answered ; but it will be in God's own time and way, and so as to promote his own glory. We may always safely leave results to his infinite wisdom, when we are in the path of duty. Heretofore, the great moral reforms in the world have been brought about slowly ; and the cause of this may be to show us how weak and puny are human efforts ;

and yet, that they are not useless, and that it is our duty to labor, even without success. At present, however, we may, I think, from the aspect of the world and the Church, expect more rapid results.

You will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Campbell, nearly a month ago, met with a very serious accident. When bathing, her feet flew from under her, and she came down on her right shoulder, and broke her collar-bone. She is now improving slowly; but, as yet, she has not recovered the use of her arm. I trust she will soon regain her usual strength. She goes home next cold season, taking her four children along for an education, and remaining with them for three or four years. This separation will be a very great trial to us; but the sacrifice must be made, and we hope all will have strength to do it, for Christ's sake. We have already, in view of this measure, and partly to provide the means, sold off our conveyance, and the greater part of our furniture, so that our house is quite denuded of what we formerly thought to be necessary. I shall have a lonely time of it here, and also an anxious time about my family; so you must cheer me up, by sending me many of your valued letters. All the other brethren here are in usual health. Mrs. Campbell joins in warm and affectionate remembrances.

As ever, dear Brother, yours in Christ,

J. R. CAMPBELL.

REV. D. J. PATTERSON.

ERRATA.*

Page 205.—In the sixth line from opening of the Convention, May 21st 1857, for "its" read "the."

Page 206.—In the first line after the acceptance of the Report of the Committee on Union, for "church" read "churches."

Page 220.—Report of the Superintendents, &c., read the following line thus, "The Board of Superintendents," &c., omitting "the."


Page 221.—With reference to Mr. Wylie's resignation as Professor, for "reported" to the Committee on the Seminary, read "referred."

Page 228.—In the last line but one, for "referring" read "requiring."

Page 229.—In the third line of Mr. Sterrett's letter, for "seem" read "see."

Page 230.—In the fifth line of General Synod's Reply, for "impart" read "admit."

* It is almost impossible but that errors may be occasionally overlooked. It is but just to say for all concerned, that those noticed in the "Errata" have resulted more from the manuscript, than otherwise, but were not observed till too late for correction in the proper place.

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